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## In the Beginning

John I V I

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men and the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>[1]</sup> This man came for a witness to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light but he was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

He was in the world and the world was made through Him and the world did not know Him. He came to His own and His own did not receive Him, but as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John bore witness of Him and cried out saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "

And of His fullness we have all received and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Yeshua the Messiah.

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

<sup>[1]</sup> Yochanan - YHVH is Gracious

## Dear Theophilus

Luke 1 v 1

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first to write to you an orderly account most excellent Theophilus<sup>[1]</sup> that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

<sup>(1)</sup> *Beloved of God / Friend of God*

## John's Birth Announced

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah <sup>[1]</sup>, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron and her name was Elizabeth <sup>[2]</sup> and they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of YHVH blameless, but they had no child because Elizabeth was barren and they were both well advanced in years.

So it was that while he was serving as priest before God, in the order of the division according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the Temple of YHVH and the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of YHVH appeared to him standing on the right side of the altar of incense and when Zechariah saw him he was troubled and fear fell upon him, but the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid Zechariah for your prayer is heard and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son and you shall call his name John and you will have joy and gladness and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of YHVH and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb and he will turn many of the children of Israel to YHVH their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, *"To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for YHVH."*

And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man and my wife is well advanced in years."

And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings, but, behold you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

<sup>[1]</sup> Zechariah - YHVH has Remembered

<sup>[2]</sup> EliSheva - My God has Sworn

And the people waited for Zechariah and marvelled that he lingered so long in the Temple but when he came out he could not speak to them and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the Temple for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

So it was as soon as the days of his service were completed that he departed to his own house. Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived and she hid herself five months saying, "Thus YHVH has dealt with me in the days when he looked on me to take away my reproach among people."

## Yeshua's birth announced

Luke 1 v 26

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary and having come in the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favoured one, YHVH is with you, blessed are you among women!"

But when she saw him she was troubled at his saying and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid Mary for you have found favour with God and behold you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Yeshua. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest and YHVH God will give Him the throne of His father David and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be since I do not know a man?"

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Highest will overshadow you, therefore also that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible."

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of YHVH. Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## Mary goes to visit Elizabeth

Luke 1 v 39

Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste to a city of Judah and entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth and it happened when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary that the babe leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. But why is it granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed for there will be a fulfilment of those things that were told her from YHVH."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies YHVH and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour for He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant. For behold henceforth all generations will call me blessed for He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm, He has scattered the proud in the imaginations of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich He has sent away empty. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her house.

## Joseph is visited by the angel in a dream

Matthew 1 v 18

Now the birth of Yeshua the Messiah was as follows:

After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph, her husband, being a just man and not wanting to make her a public example was minded to put her away secretly but while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of YHVH appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit and she will bring forth a Son and you shall call His name Yeshua for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying, "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a Son and they shall call His name Immanuel*", which is translated 'God with us.'

Then Joseph being aroused from sleep did as the angel of YHVH commanded him and took to him his wife and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son.

## The Birth of John the Baptist

Luke 1 v 57

Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered and she brought forth a son. When her neighbours and relatives heard how YHVH had shown great mercy to her they rejoiced with her. So it was on the eighth day that they came to circumcise the child and they would have called him by the name of his father Zechariah. His mother answered and said, "No, he shall be called John." But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives called by this name." So they made signs to his father what he would have him called and he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John."

So they all marvelled. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed and he spoke praising God. Then fear came on all who dwelt around them and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea and all those who heard them kept them in their hearts saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of YHVH was with him.

Now his father Zechariah was filled with the Spirit and he prophesied saying, "Blessed is YHVH God of Israel for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets who have been since the world began, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. To perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, the oath which He swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we being delivered from the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life."

"And you child, will be called the prophet of the Highest for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people by remission of their sins through the tender mercy of our God with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us. To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." So the child grew and became strong in spirit and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.



## The Birth of Yeshua <sup>[1]</sup>

Luke 2 v 1

It came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary his betrothed wife who was with Child. So it was while they were there the days were completed to be delivered and she brought forth her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, for there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night and behold an angel of YHVH stood before them and the glory of YHVH shone around them and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Messiah the Lord. And this will be the sign to you, you will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and goodwill toward men!”

So it was when the angels had gone away from them into heaven that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see the thing which has come to pass which YHVH has made known to us.” And they came with haste and they found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child and all those that heard it marvelled at those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen as it was told them.

<sup>[1]</sup> Please see Appendix 1 for the records of Yeshua's genealogy recorded by Matthew and Luke

## The Circumcision and the Dedication of Yeshua

Luke 2 v 21

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child His name was called Yeshua, the name given Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to YHVH (as it is written in the Torah of YHVH, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to YHVH") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Torah of YHVH, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

And behold there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon and this man was just and devout waiting for the Consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had seen YHVH's Messiah. So he came by the Spirit into the Temple and when the parents brought in the Child Yeshua to do for Him according to the custom of the Torah he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "YHVH now you are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all peoples. A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel."

And Joseph and His mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of Him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes a sword will pierce through your own soul also) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Now there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity and this woman was a widow of about eighty four years who did not

depart from the Temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to YHVH and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

So when they had performed all things according to the Torah of YHVH they returned to Galilee to their own city, Nazareth, and the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was upon Him.

## Wise men come from the East to worship Yeshua

Matthew 2 v 1

Now after Yeshua was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and we have come to worship Him.”

When Herod the king heard this he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and Scribes of the people together he enquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea for thus it is written by the prophet, *‘But you Bethlehem in the land of Judah are not least among the rulers of Judah. For out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.’*”

Then Herod when he had secretly called the wise men determined from them what time the star appeared and he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child and when you have found Him bring back word to me, that I may worship Him also.”

When they heard the king they departed and behold the star, which they had seen in the East, went before them till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, and when they had come into the house they saw the young Child with Mary His mother and fell down and worshipped Him. And when they had opened their treasures they presented gifts to Him; gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Then being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

## Yeshua goes down to Egypt

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of YHVH appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother flee to Egypt and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

When he arose he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by YHVH through the prophet saying, "*Out of Egypt I called My Son.*"

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet saying, "*A voice was heard in Ramah. Lamentation, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children refusing to be comforted because they are no more.*"

Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of YHVH appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt saying, "Arise take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead."

Then he arose, took the Child and His mother and came into the land of Israel but when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea, instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there and being warned by God in a dream he turned aside into the region of Galilee and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

## Yeshua's Childhood

Luke 2 v 41

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of Passover and when He was twelve years old they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the Feast. When they had finished the days the Boy Yeshua lingered behind in Jerusalem and Joseph and His mother did not know it, but supposing Him to have been in the company they went a day's journey and sought Him amongst their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was after three days they found Him in the Temple sitting in the midst of the teachers both listening to them and asking them questions and all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him they were amazed and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

And He said to them, "Why do you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

But they did not understand the statement He spoke to them.

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them but His mother kept all these things in her heart and Yeshua increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and men.

## John the Baptist begins his ministry

Luke 3 v 1

Now in the fifteenth year <sup>[1]</sup> of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests the word of God came to John the son of Zachariah in the wilderness.

Matthew 3 v 1 (Luke 3 v 2)

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah saying, "*The voice of one crying in the wilderness; Prepare the way of YHVH, make His paths straight.*"

John himself was clothed in camel's hair with a leather belt about his waist and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea and all the region around Jordan went out to meet him and were baptised by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>[1]</sup>From Stromata, Book 1, by Clement of Alexandria (150 - 215 AD) Chapter XX1 - "And the followers of Basilides hold the day of His baptism as a festival, spending the night before in readings. And they say that it was the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar. And treating of His passion, with very great accuracy, some say that it took place in the sixteenth year of Tiberius, the Saviour suffered. **And that it was necessary for Him to preach only a year, this also is written: "He hath sent Me to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."** This both the prophet spake, and the Gospel. Accordingly, in fifteen years of Tiberius and fifteen years of Augustus; so were completed **the thirty years** till the time He suffered."

Other early church writers held to the same view, please see Appendix 2

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism he said to them, “Brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance and do not think to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’, for I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones and even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptise you with water unto repentance but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Luke 3 v 10 - 18

So the people asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?”

He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.”

Then tax collectors also came to be baptised, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”

And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.”

Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?”

So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.”

Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Messiah or not, John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptise you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, Whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”



And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

## Yeshua is Baptised

Matt 3 v 13

Then Yeshua came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him and John tried to prevent Him saying, “I need to be baptised by You and are You coming to me? ”

But Yeshua answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.”

Then he allowed Him.

When He had been baptised Yeshua came up immediately from the water and behold the heavens were opened to Him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him and suddenly a voice came from heaven saying, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

## Yeshua in the Wilderness

Matthew 4 v 1 (Mark 1 v 12 / Luke 4 v 1)

Then Yeshua was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil and when He had fasted forty days and forty nights afterward He was hungry.

Now when the tempter came to Him he said, “If You are the Son of God command that these stones become bread.”

But He answered and said, *“It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”*

Then the devil took Him up into the Holy City, set Him on a high pinnacle of the Temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down, for it is written, ‘He shall give His angels charge over You, and ‘In their hands they shall bear You up lest You dash Your foot against a stone.’ ”

Yeshua said to him, *“It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt YHVH your God.’ ”*

Again the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You fall down and worship me.”

Then Yeshua said to him, *“Away with you Satan, for it is written, ‘You shall worship YHVH your God and Him only shall you serve.’”*

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came to minister to Him.

## Yeshua comes out of the wilderness

### “Behold the Lamb of God”

John 1 v 19

Now this is the testimony of John. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.”

And they asked him, “What then, are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.”

“Are you the Prophet?” and he answered, “No.”

Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those that sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

He said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘*Make straight the ways of YHVH*’, as the prophet Isaiah said.”

Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees and they asked him saying, “Why then do you baptise if you are not Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

John answered them saying, “I baptise with water but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He, who coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.”

These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan where John was baptising.

The next day John saw Yeshua coming toward him and said, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ I did not know Him but that He should be revealed to Israel therefore I came baptising with water.”

And John bore witness saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him but He who sent me to baptise in water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining on Him this is He who baptises with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

Again the next day John stood with two of his disciples and looking at Yeshua as He walked he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him speak and they followed Yeshua.

Then Yeshua turned and seeing them following said to them, “**What do you seek?**”

They said to Him, “Rabbi, where are You staying?”

He said to them, “**Come and see.**”

They came and saw where He was staying and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah”, and he brought him to Yeshua. Now when Yeshua looked at him He said, “**You are Simon bar Jonah, you shall be called Cephas**” (which is translated Petros, a stone).

The following day Yeshua wanted to go to Galilee and He found Philip and said to him, “**Follow Me.**”

Now Philip was from Bethsaida the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Torah and the Prophets wrote - Yeshua of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Yeshua saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, “Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no deceit.”

Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?”

Yeshua answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

Nathanael answered and said, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God, You are the King of Israel!”

But Yeshua answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree’, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.”

And He said to him, “Most assuredly I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

## The Wedding at Cana

John 2 v 1

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana of Galilee and the mother of Yeshua was there. Now both Yeshua and His disciples were invited to the wedding and when they ran out of wine the mother of Yeshua said to Him, “They have no wine.”

Yeshua said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”

Now there were six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Yeshua said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

And He said to them, “Draw some out now and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it.

When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine and did not know where it came from (but the servant who had drawn the water knew) the master of the feast called the bridegroom and he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine and when the guests have well drunk then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

This beginning of signs Yeshua did in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory and His disciples believed in Him.

After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers and His disciples, and they did not stay there many days.

# Passover

John 2 v 13

Now the Feast of Passover was near and Yeshua went up to Jerusalem and He found in the Temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords He drove them all out of the Temple with the sheep and the oxen and poured out the changers money and overturned the tables and He said to those who sold doves, **“Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!”**

Then His disciples remembered that it was written, *“Zeal for Your House has consumed Me.”*

So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us since You do these things?”

Yeshua answered and said to them, **“Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up.”**

Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty six years to build this Temple and will You raise it up in three days?”

But He was speaking of the Temple of His body. Therefore when He had risen from the dead His disciples remembered that He had said this and they believed the Scripture and the word which Yeshua had said.

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover during the Feast many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did, but Yeshua did not commit Himself to them because He knew all men and had no need that anyone should testify of man for He knew what was in man.



## Yeshua meets Nicodemus during the Feast

John 3 v 1

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Yeshua by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

Yeshua answered and said to him, “Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

Yeshua answered, “Most assuredly I say to you unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I say to you, ‘You must be born again’. The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it but cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going, so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

Yeshua answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not know these things? Most assuredly I say to you, We speak about what We know and testify what We have seen and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven that is the Son of Man who is in heaven and as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned but he who does not believe is condemned already because

he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world and men loved darkness rather than Light because their deeds were evil. For everyone practising evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light lest his deeds should be exposed but he who does the truth comes to the Light that his deeds may be clearly seen that they have been done in God.”

## Yeshua leaves Jerusalem after Passover and John the Baptist gives his testimony.

John 3 v 22

After these things Yeshua and His disciples came into the land of Judea and there He remained with them and baptised.

Now John was also baptising at Aenon near Salim because there was much water there and they came and were baptised for John had not yet been thrown in prison. <sup>[1]</sup>

Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. And they came to John and said, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified - behold He is baptising and all are coming to Him."

John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent before Him.' He who has the bride is the Bridegroom but the friend of the Bridegroom who stands and hears Him rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice, therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. He must increase and I must decrease. He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all and what He has seen and heard that He testifies and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true, for He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has everlasting life and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abides on him."

<sup>[1]</sup> This is a key chronological time reference. The synoptic Gospels have not started to record events since Yeshua was in the wilderness because John is clearly not yet imprisoned - see Matt 4 v 12 / Mark 1 v 14

## Yeshua meets the woman at the well

John 4 v 1

Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Yeshua made and baptised more disciples than John (though Yeshua himself did not baptise but His disciples) He left Judea and departed again to Galilee but He needed to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there.

Yeshua therefore being wearied from His journey sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water, Yeshua said to her, **"Give Me a drink"**, for His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You being a Jew ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Yeshua answered and said to her, **"If you knew the gift of God and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink', you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."**

The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well and drank from it himself as well as his sons and his livestock?"

Yeshua answered and said to her, **"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst but the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."**

The woman said to Him, "Sir give me this water that I may not thirst nor come here to draw."

Yeshua said to her, **"Go call your husband and come here."**

The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."

Yeshua said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband', for you have had five husbands and the one whom you now have is not your husband. In that you have spoken truly."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive You are a Prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

Yeshua said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know, we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit and those that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming, when He comes He will tell us all things."

Yeshua said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

And at this point His disciples came and they marvelled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?", or "Why do You talk with her?"

The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

In the meantime His disciples urged Him saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

Yeshua said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. Do not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’, behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already white for harvest. And he who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap for that which you have not laboured, others have laboured and you have entered into their labours.”

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all I ever did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him they urged Him to stay with them, and He stayed with them two days and many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know indeed that this is the Messiah, the Saviour of the world.”

## Yeshua heals a Nobleman's son

John 4 v 43

Now after two days He departed from there and went to Galilee, for Yeshua Himself testified that a prophet has no honour in his own country. So when He came to Galilee the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the Feast of Passover, for they also had gone to the Feast.

So Yeshua came again to Cana of Galilee, where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Yeshua had come out of Judea into Galilee he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

Then Yeshua said to him, **“Unless you people see signs and wonders you will by no means believe.”**

The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”

Yeshua said to him, **“Go your way, your son lives.”**

So the man believed the word that Yeshua spoke to him and he went his way.

And as he was now going down his servants met him and told him saying, “Your son lives.” Then he enquired of them the hour when he got better and they said to him, “Yesterday, at the seventh hour the fever left him.” So the father knew that it was the same hour in which Yeshua had said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed and his whole household.

This again is the second sign that Yeshua did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

# Pentecost

## Shavuot / The Feast of Weeks

John 5 v 1

After this was *the Feast of Weeks* <sup>[1]</sup> and Yeshua went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate, a pool which is called Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame and paralyzed.<sup>[2]</sup>

Now a certain man who was there who had an infirmity thirty eight years. When Yeshua saw him lying there and knew that he had already been in that condition a long time, He said to him, **“Do you want to be made well?”**

The sick man answered Him “Sir, I have no man to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming another steps down before me.”

Yeshua said, **“Rise, take up your bed and walk.”**

And immediately the man was well, took up his bed and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews, therefore, said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”

He answered them, “He who made me well said, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’”

Then they asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’ ”

But the man who was healed did not know who it was for Yeshua had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

<sup>[1]</sup> *Feast of Weeks* - This is written rather than “a feast of the Jews”

<sup>[2]</sup> “waiting for the water . . .” - The last part of verse 3 and the whole of verse 4 is omitted, as in some other manuscripts.



Afterward Yeshua found him in the Temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you.”

The man departed and told the Jews that it was Yeshua who had made him well. For this reason the Jews persecuted Yeshua and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

But Yeshua answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath but also said God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Then Yeshua answered them and said to them, “Most assuredly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself but what He sees the Father do. For whatever He does the Son also does in a like manner. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself does, and will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgement to the Son, that all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent Him. Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life and shall not come into judgement but has passed from death to life. Most assuredly I say to you, the hour is coming and now is when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself even so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself and He has given Him authority to execute judgement also, because He is the Son of Man.”

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.”

“I can of Myself do nothing, as I hear I judge and My judgement is righteous because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. There is another who bears witness of Me and I know that the witness which he witnesses of Me is true. You have sent to John and he has borne witness to the truth, yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved. He was the burning and shining lamp and you were willing, for a time, to rejoice in his light. But I have a greater witness than John's, for the works that the Father has given Me to finish - the very works that I do - bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me and the Father Himself Who sent Me has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form, but you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life, and these are they which testify of Me! But you are not willing to come to Me, that you may have life.”

“I do not receive honour from men, but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name and you do not receive Me. If another comes in his own name, he will receive it. How can you believe, who receive honour from one another and do not seek the honour that comes from the only God?”

“Do not think that I shall accuse you of the Father, there is one who accuses you - Moses in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But, if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

# In Galilee

Matthew 4 v 12

Now when Yeshua heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

Mark 1 v 14

Now after John was put in prison, Yeshua came to Galilee preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and saying, “**The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.**”

<sup>[1]</sup> John the Baptist is now in prison. The synoptic Gospels resume with the Galilean part of Yeshua's ministry. Events now take place between Shavuot (Pentecost) and Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles). This corresponds to the summer months of June - September.

## The Acceptable Year of YHVH

Luke 4 v 14

Then Yeshua returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region and He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up and, as was His custom, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read and He was handed the book of the Prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book He found the place where it was written, *“The Spirit of YHVH is upon Me because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. To set at liberty those who are oppressed. To proclaim the acceptable year of YHVH.”*

Then He closed the book and gave it back to the attendant and sat down and the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, *“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

So all bore witness to Him and marvelled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth and they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

He said to them, *“You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum is also here in your country.’ ”*

Then He said, *“Assuredly I say to you, no prophet is accepted in His own country, but I tell you many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”*

So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath and rose up and thrust Him out of the city and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went his way.

Matthew 4 v 13

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying, *“The land Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, Light has dawned.”*

From that time Yeshua began to preach and say, **“Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.”**

## Yeshua calls the disciples <sup>[1]</sup>

Matthew 4 v 18 (Mark 1 v 16)

And Yeshua, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were Fishermen. And He said to them, **“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”**

They immediately left their nets and they followed Him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Matt 4 v 23

And Yeshua went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. Great multitudes followed Him - from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

<sup>[1]</sup> Yeshua first met the fishermen in John chapter 1, so they left Him at some point and returned to their fishing business.

## Yeshua delivers a man in the synagogue on the Sabbath

Mark 1 v 21 (Luke 4 v 33)

Then they went into Capernaum and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught and they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as One having authority and not as the Scribes.

Now there was a man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit and he cried out saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Yeshua of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are, the Holy One of God."

But Yeshua rebuked him saying, **"Be quiet and come out of him."**

And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him."

And immediately His fame spread throughout the region around Galilee.

## Peter's mother in law is healed

Mark 1 v 29 (Matt 8 v 14 / Luke 4 v 38)

Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue they entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John but Simon's mother in law lay sick with a fever and they told Him about her at once. So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up and immediately the fever left her and she served them.

At evening when the sun had set they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon possessed and the whole city gathered together at the door. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons and He did not allow the demons to speak for they knew Him.<sup>[1]</sup>

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place and there He prayed and Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.

When they found Him they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns that I may preach there also because for this purpose I have come forth."<sup>[2]</sup>

And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout Galilee and casting out demons.

<sup>[1]</sup> Matthew 8 v 17 also records this event and adds that this happened that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah saying, "*He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.*" This clearly shows that this verse refers to physical healing.

<sup>[2]</sup> Luke records the same incident and it becomes clear that Yeshua does indeed depart but the four fishermen do not join Him as we shall see with Luke taking up the narrative . . .



## Yeshua calls the fishermen, again!

Luke 5 v 1

So it was as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret and saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.<sup>[1]</sup>

Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to push out a little from land and He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When he had stopped speaking he said to Simon, **“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”**

But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

And when they had done this they caught a great number of fish and their net was breaking. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them and they came and filled both the boats so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it he fell down at Yeshua's knees saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

And Yeshua said to Simon, **“Do not be afraid, from now on you will catch men.”**

So when they had brought their boats to land they forsook all and followed Him.

<sup>[1]</sup>In Mark's account, Peter and Andrew were casting their nets into the sea and John and James were in their boat mending the nets. There is no contradiction, this is the second time.

## The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5 v 1

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

“You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses its flavour how shall it be seasoned? It is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfil. For assuredly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or tittle will by no means pass from the Torah till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Pharisees you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder and whoever murders will be in danger of judgement.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without cause shall be in danger of judgement. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council but whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hellfire. Therefore, if you bring your gift before the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly while you are on your way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.”

“You have heard it said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”

“Furthermore, it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to YHVH.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all; neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne, nor by earth, for it is His footstool, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’, ‘No’. For whatever is more than these is of the evil one.”

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you not to resist an evil person but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic,

let him have your coat also and whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.”

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven, for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore when you do a charitable deed, do not sound the trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”

“And when you pray you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets that they may be seen by men. Assuredly I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray go into your room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them, for your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner therefore pray, ‘Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the

kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.’ ”

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

“Moreover, when you fast do not be like the hypocrites with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart is also.”

“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good your whole body will be full of light but if your eye is bad your whole body will be full of darkness!”

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

“Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field which today is and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you? O you of

little faith. Therefore do not worry saying, ‘What shall we eat?’, or, ‘What shall we drink?’, or, ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things but seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for today is its own trouble.”

“Judge not that you be not judged. For with what judgement you judge you will be judged, and with what measure you measure it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’, and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrites! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

“Do not give what is holy to the dogs, nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces.”

“Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives and he who seeks finds and to him who knocks the door will be opened. Or what man is there among you, if his son asks for bread will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father which is in heaven give good things to those that ask Him? Therefore whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Torah and the Prophets.”

“Enter by the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction and there are many who go in by it because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life and there are few who find it.”

“Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so every good tree bears good fruit but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit nor can a bad

tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you, depart from Me you who practise lawlessness.’ Therefore whoever hears these words of Mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock, and the rain descended, the floods came and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house in the sand, and the rain descended, the floods came and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it fell. And great was its fall.”

And so it was, when Yeshua had ended these sayings that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority and not as the Scribes.

## Yeshua cleanses a leper

Matthew 8 v 1 (Mark 1 v 40 / Luke 5 v 12)

When He had come down from the mountain great multitudes followed Him and behold a leper came out and worshipped Him saying, "Lord, if You are willing You can make me clean."

Then Yeshua put out His hand saying, **"I am willing, be cleansed."**

Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Yeshua said to him, **"See that you tell no one but go your way, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."**

Mark 1 v 45

However he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the matter, so that Yeshua could no longer openly enter the city but was outside in deserted places and they came to Him from every direction.

And again He entered Capernaum again after some days and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door and He preached the word to them.



## Yeshua heals a paralyzed man

Matthew 9 v 2 (Mark 2 v1 / Luke 5 v 17)

Then behold they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed.

When Yeshua saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven.”

And at once some of the Scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes.”

But Yeshua knowing their thoughts said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you’, or to say, ‘Arise and walk.’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins,” then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed and go to your house.”

And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitude saw it they marvelled, saying “We never saw anything like this.” And they glorified God who had given such power to men.

## Matthew is called

Matthew 9 v 9 (Mark 2 v 13 / Luke 5 v 27)

As Yeshua passed on from there He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office and He said to him, **“Follow Me.”** So he arose and followed Him.

Now it happened that as Yeshua sat at the table in the house that behold many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples and when the Pharisees saw it they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

When Yeshua heard that He said to them, **“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick, but go and learn what this means; *‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’* For I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”**

## Yeshua is questioned about fasting <sup>[1]</sup>

Luke 5 v 33

Then they said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?”

And He said to them, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days.”

Then He spoke a parable to them: “No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was *taken* out of the new does not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. And no one, having drunk old *wine*, immediately desires new; for he says, ‘The old is better.’”

<sup>[1]</sup>This question is repeated later in Matthew chapter 9 by John’s disciples, whereas on this occasion it is the Scribes and Pharisees asking.

## Yeshua is Lord of the Sabbath

Luke 6 v 1 (Matt 12 v 1 and Mark 2 v 23)

Now it happened on a Sabbath that He went through the grainfields and His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate them, rubbing them in their hands and some of the Pharisees said to them, “Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?”

But Yeshua answering them said, “Have you not even read this, what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he went into the house of God, took and ate the showbread and also gave some to those with him, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?” and He said to them, “The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

Matthew 12 v 5

“Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the Temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the Temple.”

## Yeshua heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath

Luke 6 v 6 ( Matt 12 v 9 / Mark 3 v 1)

Now it happened on another Sabbath also that He entered the synagogue and taught and a man was there whose right hand was withered. So the Scribes and the Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him but He knew their thoughts and He said to the man who had the withered hand, **“Arise and stand here.”** And he arose and stood.

Then Yeshua said to them, **“I will ask you one thing, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?”**

And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, **“Stretch out your hand.”**

And he did so and his hand was restored as whole as the other but they were filled with rage and discussed with one another what they might do to Yeshua.

Matthew 12 v 15

But when Yeshua knew *it*, He withdrew from there and great multitudes followed Him and He healed them all. Yet He warned them not to make Him known that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying, *“Behold My servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased. I will put My Spirit upon Him and He will declare justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel nor cry out. Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break and a smoking flax He will not quench, till He sends forth justice to victory and in His name Gentiles will trust.”*

## Yeshua appoints the twelve Apostles

Luke 6 v 12 (Mark 3 v 13)

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God and when it was day He called His disciples to Himself and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles; Simon, whom He also named Peter and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon called the Zealot, Judas, the son of James and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

## The Sermon on the Plain

Luke 6 v 17

And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and He healed them all.

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples and said, “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you and cast out your name as evil for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven. For in like manner their father's did to the Prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full, for you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.”

“But I say to you who hear; Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek offer the other also and from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you and from him who takes away your goods, do not ask them back and just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive it back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good and lend hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and the evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

“Judge not and you shall not be judged. Condemn not and you shall not be condemned. Forgive and you shall be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

And He spoke a parable to them, “Can the blind lead the blind, will they not both fall into the ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck from your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank in your own eye? Hypocrites! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. For a good tree does not bear bad fruit and a bad tree does not bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good, and an evil man out of the evil treasure in his heart brings forth evil. For out of the heart the mouth speaks.”

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord’ and not do the things which I say?”

“Whoever comes to Me and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like. He is like a man building a house who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock and when the flood arose the stream beat vehemently against that house and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth, without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently and immediately it fell and the ruin of that house was great.”



## Yeshua heals the Centurion's servant

Luke 7 v 1 (Matthew 8 v 5)

Now when He had concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum and a certain Centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. So when he heard about Yeshua, he sent elders of the Jews pleading with Him to come and heal his servant and when they came to Yeshua, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, 'for he loves our nation and built us a synagogue.'

Then Yeshua went with them and when He was already not far from the house the Centurion sent friends to Him saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You, but say the word and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me and I say to one, 'Go' and he goes, and to another one, 'Come' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this' and he does it."

When Yeshua heard these things He marvelled at him and turned around and said to the crowd following Him, **"I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"**

And those that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

Matt 8 v 11

**"And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."**

## A widow's son is raised at Nain

Luke 7 v 11

Now it happened the day after that He went into a city called Nain and many of His disciples went with Him and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother and she was a widow and a large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her He had compassion on her and said, **“Do not weep.”** Then He came and touched the open coffin and those who carried him stood still. And He said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”**

So he who was dead sat up and began to speak and He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us” and “God has visited His people. ”

And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

## John the baptist sends messengers

Matthew 11 v 2 (Luke 7 v 18)

And when John had heard in prison about the works of the Messiah he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One or do we look for another?”

Luke 7 v 21

And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions and evil spirits and to many blind He gave sight.

Matthew 11 v 4

Yeshua answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you hear and see; The blind see and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them and blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

As they departed, Yeshua began to say to the multitudes concerning John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see, a reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see, a man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who wear soft clothing are in king’s houses. But what did you go out to see, a prophet? Yes, I say to you and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written, *‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare the way for You.’* Assuredly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen one greater than John the Baptist, but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Torah prophesied until John, and if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has an ear let him hear.”

“But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to their companions and saying, ‘We played the flute for you and you did not dance. We mourned for you and you did not lament.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."

Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida. For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgement than for you. And you Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades, for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgement than for you."

At that time Yeshua answered and said, "I thank You Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them to babes. Even so Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father and no one knows the Son except the Father, nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

## A sinful woman is forgiven

Luke 7 v 36

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him and He went to the Pharisee's house and sat down to eat. And, behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Yeshua sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil and stood at His feet behind Him weeping and she began to wash His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head, and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

And Yeshua answered him and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

So he said, "Teacher, say it."

"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to repay, he freely forgave both of them. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered and said to Him, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more."

And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

And those that sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

So He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

Luke 8 v 1

Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve *were* with Him, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

## A day <sup>[1]</sup> in the life of Yeshua - The sign of Jonah

Matthew 12 v 22

Then one was brought to Him who was demon possessed, blind and mute and He healed him so that the blind and mute both spoke and saw and all the multitude were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

But Yeshua knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself, how then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. He who is not with Me is against Me and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. Therefore I say to you every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man it will be forgiven him but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or the age to come. Either make the tree good and its fruit good or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for a tree is known by its fruit. Brood of vipers! How can you being evil speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak they will give account of it in the day of judgement. For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned."

Then some of the Scribes and Pharisees answered saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

<sup>[1]</sup>The combined accounts of the synoptic Gospels show that this all takes place on one day.

But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the Judgement with this generation and condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and indeed one greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up in the Judgement with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon and indeed one greater than Solomon is here.”

“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man he goes through dry places seeking rest and finds none. Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came’ and when he comes he finds it empty, swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this generation.”

While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold His mother and brothers stood outside seeking to speak with Him. Then one said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak with You.”

But He answered, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” and He stretched out His hand towards His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.”

On the same day Yeshua went out of the house and sat by the sea and great multitudes were gathered together to Him so that He got into a boat and sat and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

Then He spoke many things to them in parables saying, “Behold a sower went out to sow and as he sowed some seed fell by the wayside and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places where they did not have much earth and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth, but when the sun was up they were scorched and because they had no root they withered away.



And some fell among the thorns and the thorns sprang up and choked them but others fell on good ground and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! ”

And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has more will be given, and he who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand and in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says, *‘Hearing you shall hear and not understand and seeing you will see and not perceive. For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing and their eyes have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.’* But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear, for assuredly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see and did not see it, and to hear what you hear and did not hear it.”

“Therefore hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart, this is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself but endures only for a while, for when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces some a hundredfold some sixty and some thirty.”

And another parable He put forth to them saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field but while he slept his enemy came and

sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain was sprouted and produced a crop then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather them up you also uproot the wheat with them. Let them both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

And another parable He put forth to them saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds but when it grows it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.

Another parable He spoke to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

All these things Yeshua spoke to the multitude in parables and without a parable He did not speak to them that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet saying, *"I will open My mouth in parables, I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."*

Then Yeshua sent the multitude away and went into the house and His disciples came to Him saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

He answered and said to them, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those that practise lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire, there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has an ear to

hear, let him hear.”

“Again the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid, and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

“Again the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

“Again the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full they drew to shore, and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age, the angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Yeshua said to them, “Have you understood all these things?”

They said, “Yes Lord.”

Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

Mark 4 v 35

On the same day when evening had come He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.”

Now when they had left the multitude they took Him along in the boat as He was. And the other little boats were also with them and a great windstorm arose and the waves beat into the boat so that it was already filling, but He was in the stern asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

Then He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace. Be still.”

And the wind ceased and there was a great calm but He said to them, “Why are you so fearful, how is it that you have no faith?”

And they feared exceedingly and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

## Two demon possessed men are healed

Mark 5 v 1 (Matt 8 v 28 / Luke 8 v 26)

Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes and when He had come out of the boat immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit who had his dwelling among the tombs, and no one could bind him not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains and the chains had been pulled apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces: neither could anyone tame him. And always night and day he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

When he saw Yeshua from afar he ran and worshipped Him and he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Yeshua, son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.” For He said to him, “Come out of the man, unclean spirit!”

Then He asked him, “What is your name?” and he answered saying, “My name is legion for we are many.” Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send him out of the country.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains, so all the demons begged Him saying, “Send us to the swine that we may enter them” and at once Yeshua gave them permission.

Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine ( there were about two thousand ) and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea and

drowned in the sea. So those who fed the swine fled and they told it in the city and in the country and they went out to see what it was that had happened.

Then they came to Yeshua and saw the one who was demon possessed and had the legion sitting and clothed in his right mind and they were afraid and those who saw it told them how it had happened to him who had been demon possessed and about the swine. Then they began to plead with Him to depart from the region.

And when He had got into the boat he who had been demon possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. However, Yeshua did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell what great things the Lord has done for you and how He has had compassion on you.”

And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Yeshua had done for him; and all marvelled.

## Yeshua is Questioned by John's disciples <sup>[1]</sup>

Matt 9 v 14

Then the disciples of John came to Him saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast often but Your disciples do not fast? ”

And Yeshua said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them and then they will fast. No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on a new garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment and the tear is made worse. Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved. ”

<sup>[1]</sup> This is similar to Luke's account which we read earlier, but it is a different occasion with different people asking the question. Of course, Yeshua's answer is the same.

## Jairus' daughter is raised and a woman with an issue of blood is healed

Luke 8 v 41 (Matthew 9 v 18 / Mark 5 v 22 )

So it was, when Yeshua returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Yeshua's feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

And Yeshua said, "**Who touched Me?**"

When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

But Yeshua said, "**Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.**"

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

And He said to her, "**Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.**"

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

But when Yeshua heard it, He answered him, saying, "**Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.**"

When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James,

and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “**Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.**”

And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “**Little girl, arise.**”

Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.



## Two blind men and a mute man are healed

Matthew 9 v 27

When Yeshua departed from there two blind men followed Him crying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him and Yeshua said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They said to Him, "Yes Lord."

Then He touched their eyes saying, "According to your faith let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened.

And Yeshua sternly warned them saying, "See that no one knows it."

## Yeshua heals a demon possessed dumb man

Matt 9 v 32

But when they had departed they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out behold they brought to Him a man, mute and demon possessed and when the demon was cast out the mute spoke and the multitude marvelled saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel."

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Mark 6 v 1

Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, "Where *did* this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

But Yeshua said to them, "**A prophet is not without honour except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.**"

Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. And He marvelled because of their unbelief.

Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Matthew 9 v 35

Then Yeshua went out about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitude He was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "**The harvest truly is plentiful but the labourers are few, therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.**"

## The twelve begin to be sent out in pairs

Matthew 10 v 1

And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; first Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector, James the son of Alphaeus and Lebbaeus whose surname was Thaddaeus, Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot who also betrayed Him.

These twelve Yeshua sent out and commanded them saying, “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter the cities of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and as you go, preach saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs, for a worker is worthy of his food.”

“Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. And when you go into a household, greet it. If the household is worthy let your peace come upon it but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake the dust from your feet. Assuredly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgement than for that city! ”

“Behold I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles but when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak, for

it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak. For it is not you who speak but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.”

“Now, brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child: and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death and you will be hated by all for My name’s sake, but he who endures to the end, he will be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another, for assuredly I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household? Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed and hidden that will not be known. Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light, and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops and do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin and not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will, but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.”

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother and a daughter in law against her mother in law, and a man’s enemies will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Now it came to pass when Yeshua had finished commanding His twelve disciples that He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Mark 6 v 12

So they went out and preached that people should repent and they cast out demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

## John is executed

Mark 6 v 14 (Matthew 14 v 1 / Luke 9 v 7)

Now king Herod heard of Yeshua, for His name had become well known and he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

Others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is the Prophet, or like one of the Prophets.”

But when Herod heard he said, “It is John, whom I beheaded: he has been raised from the dead!” For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife”, therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him and when he heard him he did many things and heard him gladly.

Then an opportune day came when Herod, on his birthday, gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.” He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” and she said, “The head of John the Baptist!” Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought and he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl

gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

Matthew adds; **“and went and told Yeshua.”**

## The Feeding of the Five Thousand

Luke 9 v 10 (Matthew 14 v 13 / Mark 6 v 30 / John 6 v 1 <sup>[1]</sup>)

And the apostles when they had returned told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city of Bethsaida but when the multitudes knew it they followed Him and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who had need of healing.

When the day began to wear away the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions for we are in a deserted place here.”

But He said to them, “You give them something to eat.”

And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.” For there were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Then He said to the disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of fifty.”

And they did so. Then He took the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. So they all ate and were filled and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up.

<sup>[1]</sup> Please see Appendix 3 for more details about John’s record of this event.



## That night Yeshua walks on the Sea

John 6 v 14 (Matt 14 v 22 / Mark 6 v 45)

Then those men when they had seen the sign that Yeshua did said, “This is truly The Prophet who is to come into the world.” Therefore when Yeshua perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him King He departed again to the mountain alone.

Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum, and it was already dark and Yeshua had not come to them. Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. So when they had rowed about three or four miles they saw Yeshua walking on the sea and drawing near the boat, and they were afraid. But He said to them, “It is I, do not be afraid.”

Matthew 14 v 28

And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”

And He said, “Come.”

And when Peter had come down out of the boat he walked on the water to go to Yeshua but when he saw that the wind was boisterous he was afraid and beginning to sink he cried out saying, “Lord, save me!”

And immediately Yeshua stretched out His hand and caught him and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

And when they got into the boat the wind ceased.

Then those who were in the boat came and worshipped Him saying, “Truly You are The Son of God.”

John 6 v 21

Then they willingly received Him into the boat and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

Matthew 14 v 34

When they had crossed over they came to the land of Gennesaret and when the men of that place recognised Him they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick and begged Him that they may only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

## The Bread from Heaven

John 6 v 22

On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except the one which His disciples had entered, and that Yeshua had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone - however other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks -when the people saw therefore that Yeshua was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum seeking Yeshua, and when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”

Yeshua answered them and said, “Most assuredly I say to you, you seek Me not because you saw the signs but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labour for the food which perishes but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

Then they said, “What shall we do that we may work the works of God?”

Yeshua answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him who He sent.”

Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Yeshua said to them, “Most assuredly I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He Who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

And Yeshua said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never

hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The Jews then complained about Him because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven”, and they said, “Is not this the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I came down from heaven?’ ”

Yeshua therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets. *‘And they shall all be taught by God.’* Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God, He has seen the Father. Most assuredly I say to you he who believes in Me has everlasting life.”

“I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat and not die. I am the living bread that comes down from heaven, if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

Therefore the Jews quarrelled among themselves saying, “How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?”

Then Yeshua said to them, “Most assuredly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him. As the living Father sent

Me and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which comes down from heaven - not as your fathers ate the manna and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.”

These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

Therefore many of His disciples when they heard this said, “This is a hard saying, who can understand it?”

When Yeshua knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this He said to them, “Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing. The words which I speak to you are spirit and they are life, but there are some of you who do not believe.” For Yeshua knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe and who would betray Him and He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”

From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

Then Yeshua said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” but Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Yeshua answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?”

He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

## The Pharisees and Scribes, who have come down from Jerusalem, question Yeshua.

Matthew 15 v 1 (Mark 7 v 1)

Then the Scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Yeshua saying, “Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”

He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? For God commanded, saying ‘Honour your father and mother’ and ‘He who curses father or mother let him be put to death.’ But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God, then he need not honour his father or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying, ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honour Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me and in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrine the commandments of men.’”

When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”

Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You not know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone, they are blind leaders of the blind and if the blind leads the blind both will fall into the ditch.”

Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.”

So Yeshua said, “Do you not understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth

come from the heart and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

## Yeshua goes to Tyre and Sidon

Matthew 15 v 21 (Mark 7 v 24)

Then Yeshua went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon possessed."

But He answered her not a word and His disciples came and urged Him saying, "Send her away for she cries out after us."

But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,"

Then she came and worshipped Him saying, "Lord, help me."

But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

And she said, "Yes Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master's table."

Then Yeshua answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire."

And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



## Yeshua heals a deaf and mute man

Mark 7 v 31 (Matt 15 v 29)

Again departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.

And He took him aside from the multitude and put His fingers in his ears and He spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven He sighed and said to him, “**Ephphatha**”, that is, “**Be opened.**”

Immediately his ears were opened and the impediment of his tongue was loosed and he spoke plainly.

Then He commanded them that they should tell no one, but the more He commanded them the more widely they proclaimed it and they were astonished beyond measure saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

## The Feeding of the Four Thousand

Mark 8 v 1 (Matt 15 v 32)

In those days the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Yeshua called His disciples to Him and said to them, “I have compassion on the multitude because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat and if I send them away hungry to their own houses they will faint on the way for some of them have come from afar.”

Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?”

He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” and they said, “Seven.”

So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground and He took the seven loaves and gave thanks and broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them, and they set them before the multitude. They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them He said to set them also before them. So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven baskets of leftover fragments.

Now those who ate were about four thousand.

And He sent them away, immediately got into the boat with His disciples and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

## The Pharisees seek a sign

Matthew 16 v 1 (Mark 8 v 11)

Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came and tested Him and asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.

He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather for the sky is red’, and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given it except the sign of the Prophet Jonah.”

And He left them, and getting into the boat again, He departed to the other side.

Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Yeshua said to them, “Take heed and beware the yeast of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.”

And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “It is because we have taken no Bread.”

But Yeshua, being aware of it, said to them, “O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? Do you not understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up. Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? - but to beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the yeast of bread but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

## A blind man healed at Bethsaida

Mark 8 v 22

Then He came to Bethsaida and they brought a blind man to Him and begged Him to touch him. So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town and when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on them, He asked him if he saw anything and he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up and he was restored and saw everyone clearly. Then He sent him away to his house saying, "Neither go into the town nor tell anyone in the town."

## Peter confesses Yeshua as the Messiah

Matthew 16 v 13 (Mark 8 v 27 / Luke 9 v 18)

When Yeshua came into the region of Caesarea Philippi He asked His disciples saying, **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”**

So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, **“But who do you say I am?”**

Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Yeshua answered and said to him, **“Blessed are you Simon bar Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Yeshua the Messiah.

From that time Yeshua began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, the chief priests and Scribes, and be killed and be raised the third day.

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You Lord, this shall not happen to You!”

But He turned and said to Peter, **“Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God but the things of men.”**

Then Yeshua said to His disciples, **“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him**

deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father, with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. Assuredly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

Luke 9 v 26

“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father’s, and of the holy angels.”

## Yeshua Transfigured on the Mount

Matthew 17 v 1 (Mark 9 v 2 / Luke 9 v 28)

Now after six days Yeshua took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light and behold Moses and Elijah appeared to them talking with Him.

Then Peter answered and said to Yeshua, “Lord, it is good for us to be here, if You wish let us make here three tabernacles, one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud saying, “**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him.**”

And when the disciples heard it they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid but Yeshua came and touched them and said, “**Arise and do not be afraid.**”

When they had lifted up their eyes they saw no one but Yeshua only.

Now as they came down from the mountain Yeshua commanded them saying, “**Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.**”

And His disciples asked Him saying, “Why then do the Scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

Yeshua answered and said to them, “**Indeed Elijah is coming first and will restore all things, but I say to you that Elijah has come already and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise, the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.**”

Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

## A Boy is healed

Matthew 17 v 14 (Mark 9 v 14 / Luke 9 v 37)

And when they had come to the multitude a man came to Him kneeling down and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely, for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples but they could not cure him.”

Yeshua said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.”

Mark 9 v 23

Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?”

And he said, “From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

Yeshua said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

When Yeshua saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!”

Then *the spirit* cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Yeshua took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.



Matt 17 v 19

Then the disciples came to Yeshua privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So Yeshua said to them, “Because of your unbelief, for assuredly I say to you if you have the faith as a mustard seed you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you. However this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

Now while they were staying in Galilee, Yeshua said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men and they will kill Him and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

## Yeshua pays the Temple tax for Himself and Peter

Matthew 17 v 24

When they had come to Capernaum those who received the Temple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the Temple tax?” He said, “Yes” and when he had come into the house Yeshua anticipated him saying, “What do you think Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from the sons or from strangers?”

Peter said to Him, “From strangers.”

Yeshua said to him, “Then the sons are free, nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea cast in a hook and take the fish that comes up first and when you have opened its mouth you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you.”

## Who is the greatest?

Matthew 18 v 1 (Mark 9 v 33 / Luke 9 v 46)

At that time the disciples came to Yeshua saying, “Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?”

Then Yeshua called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them and said, “Assuredly I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offences! For offences must come but woe to the man by whom the offence comes! If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.”

Mark 9 v 44

“Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell into the fire that shall never be quenched, where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched. For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavour, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

## Yeshua forbids sectarianism

Mark 9 v 38

Now John answered and said, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name and we forbade him because he does not follow us.”

But Yeshua said, “Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. For he who is not against us is on our side. For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Messiah, assuredly I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

## The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Matthew 18 v 11

“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”

## Dealing with a sinning brother

“Moreover if your brother sins against you go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother but if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established and if he refuses to hear them tell it to the church but if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. Assuredly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth, concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him, up to seven times?”

Yeshua said to him, “I do not say to you up to seven times but up to seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants and when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents, but as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant, therefore, fell down before him

saying, 'Master, have patience with me and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat saying, "Pay me what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him saying, "Have patience with me and I will pay you all." And he would not but went and threw him in prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done they were very grieved and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?" And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

## Yeshua goes up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles

John 7 v 2

Now the Feast of Tabernacles was at hand, His brothers therefore said to Him, “Depart from here and go into Judea that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing, for no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.” For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

Then Yeshua said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me, because I testify of it, that its works are evil. You go up to the Feast, I am not yet going up to this Feast, for My time has not yet fully come.”

When He said these things to them He remained in Galilee, but when His brothers had gone up then He also went up to the Feast, not openly, but as it were, in secret.

Luke 9 v 51

Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Yeshua to be received up<sup>[1]</sup> that He steadfastly set His face to go up to Jerusalem and He sent messengers before His face.

And as they went they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for Him but they did not receive Him because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem and when His disciples James and John saw this they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?”

<sup>[1]</sup>“To be received up” - Some translations use the word “ascend” and some add that Yeshua was going up to heaven. It is only Luke 9 and a lot more will happen before Yeshua is crucified which is more than 40 days before He ascends. This is not Yeshua going up to Passover and just by continuing in Luke this is clear. The phrase “going up” is always used in reference to attending a Feast of YHWH at Jerusalem. John’s Gospel uses the phrase throughout since John covers all of the Feasts.

But He turned and rebuked them and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.”

And they went to another village. Now it happened as they journeyed on the road that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.” And Yeshua said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

Then He said to another, “Follow Me.”

But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”

Yeshua said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”

And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.”

But Yeshua said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.”



## The Feast of Tabernacles

John 7 v 11

Then the Jews sought Him at the Feast and said, “Where is He?” And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, “He is good”, others said, “On the contrary, He deceives the people.” However no one spoke openly of Him, for fear of the Jews.

Now about the middle of the Feast, Yeshua went up into the Temple and taught and the Jews marvelled saying, “How does this man know letters, having never studied?”

Yeshua answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did not Moses give you the Torah? Yet none of you keeps the Torah. Why do you seek to kill Me?”

The people answered and said, “You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?”

Yeshua answered them and said, “I did one work and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers) and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgement.”

Now some of them from Jerusalem said, “Is this not He whom they seek to kill? But look, He speaks boldly and they say nothing to Him, do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Messiah? However we know where this Man is from, but when the Messiah comes no one knows where He is from.”

Then Yeshua cried out as He taught in the Temple, “You both know Me and you know where I am from: and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know, but I know Him for I am from Him and He sent Me.”

Therefore they sought to take Him but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. And many of the people believed in Him and said, “When the Messiah comes, will He do more signs than this Man has done?”

The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.

Then Yeshua said “I shall be with you a little while longer and then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and not find Me and where I am going you cannot come.”

Then the Jews said among themselves, “Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? What is this thing that He said, ‘You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am going you cannot come?’”

On the last day, that great day of the Feast, Yeshua stood and cried out saying, “If anyone thirsts let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

But this He spoke concerning the Spirit whom those, believing in Him, would receive, for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Yeshua was not yet glorified.

Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.”

Others said, “This is the Messiah.”

But some said, “Will the Messiah come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Messiah comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?”

So there arose a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him? ” The officers answered, “No Man ever spoke like this Man!”

Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the Torah is accursed.”

Nicodemus, (the one who came to Yeshua by night, being one of them) said to them, “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?”

They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search the scriptures and look, for no prophet has arisen from Galilee.”

And everyone went to his own house, but Yeshua went to the Mount of Olives.

## The Case of the Adulterous Woman

John 8 v 2

Now early in the morning He came again into the Temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the Scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Yeshua stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, as though He did not hear.

So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “**He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.**”

And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Yeshua was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Yeshua had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “**Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?**”

She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Yeshua said to her, “**Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.**”

## After the Feast of Tabernacles the seventy <sup>[1]</sup> are sent out

Luke 10 v 1

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few, therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest. Go your way, behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack or sandals and greet no one along the road, but whatever house you enter first say, ‘Peace to this house’ and if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it, if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house eating and drinking such things as they give, for the labourer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat such things as they set before you and heal the sick there and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you!’ But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, ‘The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.’ But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgement than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought to Hades. He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

<sup>[1]</sup>At the Feast of Tabernacles, 70 bulls were sacrificed on behalf of the 70 Nations of the World

## The seventy return some time later.

Luke 10 v 17

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

In that hour Yeshua rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You Father, Lord of heaven and earth that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see and have not seen, and to hear what you hear and have not heard.”

## The Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him saying, “Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

He said to him , “What is written in Torah? What is your reading of it?”

So he answered and said, “You shall love YHWH your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself.”

And He said to him, “You have answered rightly, do this and you will live.”

But he, wanting to justify himself, said, “And who is my neighbour?”

Then Yeshua answered and said, “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was and when he saw him he had compassion so he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him. On the next day when he departed he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbour to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then Yeshua said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

## Hanukkah <sup>[1]</sup> - The winter feast of Dedication

John 8 v 12 - 10 v 39

Then Yeshua spoke to them again saying, “I am the light of the world, He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”

The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You bear witness of Yourself, Your witness is not true.”

Yeshua answered and said to them, “Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I came from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh, I judge no one and yet if I do judge My judgement is true for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.”

Then they said to Him, “Where is Your Father?”

Yeshua answered them and said, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me you would have known My Father also.”

These words Yeshua spoke in the treasury as He taught in the Temple and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

Then Yeshua spoke to them again, “I am going away and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I am going you can not come.”

So the Jews said, “Will He kill Himself, because He says, “Where I am going you cannot come?”

<sup>[1]</sup> Hanukkah is also known as the feast of lights.



And He said to them, “You are from beneath, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins, for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

Then they said to Him, “Who are You?”

And Yeshua said to them, “Just what I have said to you from the beginning. I have many things to say and judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.”

They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

Then Yeshua said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He* and that I do nothing of Myself, but as My Father taught Me I speak these things and He who sent Me is with Me, the Father has not left Me alone for I always do those things that please Him.”

As He spoke these words, many believed in Him

Then Yeshua said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word you are My disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been in bondage to anyone, how can Yousay, ‘You will be made free?’ ”

Yeshua answered and said to them, “Most assuredly I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin and whoever is a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free you shall be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me because My word has no place in you. I speak what I have seen with My Father and you do what you have seen with your father.”

They answered Him and said. “Abraham is our father,”

Yeshua said to them, "If you were Abraham's children you would do the works of Abraham, but now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God, Abraham did not do this. You do the deeds of your father."

Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; We have one Father - God."

Yeshua said to them, "If God were your Father you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God: nor have I come of Myself, He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell you the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell you the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

Yeshua answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honour My Father, and you dishonour Me. And I do not seek My own glory, there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead and the Prophets and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word they shall never taste death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham who is dead? And the Prophets are dead, who do You make Yourself out to be?"

Yeshua answered, "If I honour Myself, My honour is nothing. It is My Father who honours Me, of whom you say that He is your God, yet you have not known Him, but I know Him and if I say, 'I do not know Him', I shall be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day,

and he saw it and was glad.”

Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old and have You seen Abraham?”

Yeshua said to them, “Most assuredly I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”

Then they took up stones to throw at Him, but Yeshua hid Himself and went out of the Temple going through the midst of them and so passed by.

### A man born blind receives sight

Now as Yeshua passed by He saw a man who was blind from birth and His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?”

Yeshua answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day: the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When He had said these things He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay and He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.” (which is translated Sent)

So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbours and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”

Others said, “It is like him.”

He said, “I am he.”

Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

He answered and said, "A Man called Yeshua made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and I received my sight."

They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Yeshua made the clay and opened his eyes.

Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, I washed and I see."

Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God because He does not keep the Sabbath."

Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?"

And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a Prophet. "

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight and they asked them, saying, "Is this your son who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind, but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age, ask him, he will speak for himself."

His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was the Messiah, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him."

So they again called the man who was blind and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this man is a sinner."

He answered and said, "Whether he is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know, that though I was blind now I see."

They said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvellous thing that you do not know where He is from; yet He opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind, if this Man were not from God He could do nothing."

They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

Yeshua heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

He answered and said, "Who is He Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

And Yeshua said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He that is talking with you."

Then he said, "Lord I believe", and he worshipped Him.

And Yeshua said, “For judgement I have come into the world, that those who do not see may see and those who see may be blind.”

Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”

Yeshua said to them, “If you were blind you would have no sin, but now you say, ‘We see’, therefore your sin remains. Most assuredly I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Yeshua used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Then Yeshua said to them again, “Most assuredly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door, if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy, I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep, but a hireling is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd and I know My sheep and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father, and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring and they will hear My voice and there will be one flock and one shepherd. Therefore My Father loves Me because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Therefore there was a division among the Jews because of these sayings and many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad, why do you listen to Him?" Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Now it was the feast of Dedication in Jerusalem and it was winter and Yeshua walked in the Temple in Solomon's porch. Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Yeshua answered and said to them, "I told you and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me, but you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. As I said to you, My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me and I give them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

Yeshua answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father, for which of those works do you stone Me?"

The Jews answered Him saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy and because You being a Man make Yourself God."

Yeshua answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, You are gods'? If He called them gods to whom the word of God came ( and the Scripture cannot be broken ), do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me, but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me and I in Him."

Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand and

He went away again beyond the Jordan, to the place where John was baptising at first, and there He stayed.

Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true." And many believed in Him there.



## “Martha, Martha”

Luke 10 v 38

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house and she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at His feet and heard His word, but Martha was distracted with much serving and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”

And Yeshua answered her and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things but one thing is needed and Mary has chosen that good part which will not be taken away from her.”

## “Lord, Teach us to pray”

Luke 11 v 1

Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples.”

So He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ ”

## Yeshua continues to teach on prayer

And He said to them, “Which of you shall have a friend and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he will answer him from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me, the door is now shut and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you.’ I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives and he who seeks finds and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he give him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those that ask Him?”

## Yeshua is accused of being demon possessed

And He was casting out a demon and it was mute. So it was when the demon had gone out that the mute spoke and multitudes marvelled but some of them said, "He casts out demons by beelzebub the ruler of the demons."

Others, testing Him, sought a sign from heaven but He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Finger of God surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armour in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

And it happened as He spoke that a certain woman raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts which nursed You." But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

And while the crowds were thickly gathered together He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the Prophet. For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation."

"The queen of the South will rise up in judgement with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon and indeed one greater than Solomon is here. The men

of Nineveh will rise up in the judgement with this generation and condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and indeed one greater than Jonah is here.”

“No one when he has lit a lamp puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. The lamp of the body is the eye therefore when your eye is good your whole body also is full of light but when your eye is bad your body also is full of darkness. Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”

## Yeshua goes for dinner with the Pharisees, the Scribes and the Lawyers.

Luke 11 v 37

And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. When the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that He had not first washed before dinner.

Then the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? But rather give alms of such things as you have then all things will be clean to you. But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe the mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done without leaving the others undone. Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen and the men who walk over them are not aware of them.”

Then one of the lawyers answered Him and said to Him, “Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also.”

And He said, “Woe to you, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe to you for you build the tombs of the prophets and your fathers killed them. In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers, for they indeed killed them and you build their tombs. Therefore the wisdom of God also said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles and some of them they will kill and persecute’, that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundations of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the Temple. Yes I say to you it shall be required of this generation. Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge.

You did not enter in yourselves and those who were entering you hindered.”

And as He said these things to them the Scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently and to cross examine Him about many things, lying in wait for Him and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light and what you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.”

“And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear. Fear Him who after He has killed has power to cast into hell. Yes, I say to you, fear Him! Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God, but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.”

“Also, I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess before the angels of God, but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.”

“Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

## The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge and arbitrator over you?”

And He said to him, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

Then He spoke a parable to them saying, “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully and he thought within himself saying, ‘What shall I do since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this; I will pull down my barns and build greater and there I will store all my crops and my goods and I will say to my soul; ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you, then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food and the body is more than clothing. Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn, and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin and yet I say to you not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you? O you of little faith.”

“And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind, for all these things the nations of the world seek after and your Father knows that you need these things but seek after the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ”

“Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags that do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart is also.”

“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly I say to you, that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Then Peter said to Him, “Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all the people?”

And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and wise steward whom his master will make ruler of his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you that he will make him ruler of all that he has. But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male and female servants and to eat and drink and be drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers and that servant who knew his master's will and did not prepare himself or do according to his will shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; also to whom much has been committed of him they will ask more.”



“I came to send fire on the earth and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to be baptised with and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!”

“Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but division. For from now on five in one house will be divided; three against two and two against three. Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother in law against daughter in law and daughter in law against mother in law.”

Then He also said to the multitudes, “Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’ and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow you say, ‘There will be hot weather’ and there is. Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth but how is it you do not discern this time? Yes, and why even of yourselves do you not judge what is right? When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer and the officer throw you into prison. I tell you, you shall not depart from there until you have paid the very last mite.”

There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices and Yeshua answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered such things? I tell you, no, but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

He also spoke this parable. “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilise it and if it bears fruit, well, but if not, after that you can cut it down.’ ”

## A daughter of Abraham is healed after eighteen years

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath and behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up, but when Yeshua saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, **“Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity”** and He laid hands on her and immediately she was made straight and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Yeshua had healed on the Sabbath and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work, therefore, come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”

Then the Lord answered him, **“Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it! - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”**

And when He had said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame, and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Then He said, **“What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed which a man took and put in his garden, and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches.”**

And again He said, **“To what shall I liken the Kingdom of God? It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of wheat till it was all leavened.”**

## Yeshua teaches on the narrow way on the way up to Jerusalem

Luke 13 v 22

And He went through the cities and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. Then one said to Him, “Lord, are there few who will be saved?”

And He said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many I say to you will seek to enter and will not be able. When, once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us’ and He will answer you and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where you are from?’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence and You taught in our streets.’ But He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me all you workers of iniquity.’”

“There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the Prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south and sit down in the kingdom of God. And indeed there are last who will be first and there are first who will be last.”

On that very day, some Pharisees came saying to Him, “Depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.”

And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow and the third day I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow and the day following for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I have wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing. See! Your house is left to you desolate and assuredly I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of YHVH.’”

## A man with dropsy is healed in a Pharisee's house on the Sabbath

Luke 14 v 1

Now it happened as Yeshua went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely and behold there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy and Yeshua answering spoke to the lawyers and the Pharisees saying, **“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”**

But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him and let him go.

Then He answered them saying, **“Which one of you having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?”**

And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

So He told a parable to those who were invited when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them, **“When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honourable than you be invited by him, and he who invited you and him come and say to you, ‘Give place to this man,’ and then you begin, with shame, to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that he who invited you may come to you and say, ‘Friend, go up higher.’ Then you will have glory in the presence of those that sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”**

Then He also said to him who invited Him, **“When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, your rich neighbours, lest they invite you back and you be repaid, but when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”**

Now one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things and said to Him, **“Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God.”**

Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many and he sent his servant at supper time to say to those who are invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’

But they all with one accord began to make excuses.

The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’

And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen and I am going to test them, I ask you to have me excused.’

Still another said, ‘I have married a wife and therefore I cannot come.’

So the servant came and reported these things to the master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and the lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’

And the servant said ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.”

## Yeshua teaches many Parables

Now great multitudes went with Him and He turned to them and said, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father, his mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple and whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you intending to build a tower does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it? Lest after he has laid the foundations and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else while the other king is still a great way off, he sends a delegation, and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. Salt is good, but if it has lost its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

## The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Luke 15 v 1

Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to hear Him and the Pharisees and the Scribes complained saying, “This man receives sinners, and eats with them.”

So He spoke this parable to them saying, “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety nine in the wilderness and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home he calls together his friends and neighbours saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

## The Parable of the Lost Coin

“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds *it*? And when she has found *it*, she calls *her* friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

## The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Then He said to them, “A certain man had two sons and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all there arose a severe famine in the land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into the fields to feed swine and he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But, when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough, and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father and say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet and bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son, was dead and is alive again, he was lost and he is found.’ And they began to be merry.

Now his older son was in the field and as he came and drew near to the house he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things mean and he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was

angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time, and yet you never gave me a young goat that I may go and make merry with my friends, but as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'

## The Parable of the Unjust Steward

Luke 16 v 1

He also said to His disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be my steward.' Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do, for my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I cannot dig, I am ashamed to beg. I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship they may receive me into their houses.' So he called every one of his master's debtors to him and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' And he said to him, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill and write eighty.' So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust in much. Therefore, if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."



## The Torah, the Prophets and the Kingdom

Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things and they derided Him. And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. The Torah and the Prophets were until John, since that time the kingdom of God has been preached and everyone is pressing into it and it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the Torah to fail. Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery.”

## The Rich Man and Lazarus

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torment in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’ ”

Then He said to His disciples, "It is impossible that no offences should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones."

"Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day and seven times in a day returns to you saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

"And which of you, having a servant ploughing or tending sheep will say to him when he has come in, 'Come at once and sit down to eat? But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward, you will eat and drink.' Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So, likewise you, when you have done all these things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.' "

## Yeshua raises Lazarus from the dead

John 11 v 1

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and Martha. It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

Therefore the sisters sent to Him saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”

When Yeshua heard that He said, “**This sickness is not unto death but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.**”

Now Yeshua loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus so when He heard he was sick He stayed two more days in the place where He was. Then after this He said to His disciples, “**Let us go to Judea again.**”

The disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You and are You going there again?”

Yeshua answered them, “**Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world, but if one walks in the night, he stumbles because the light is not in him.**”

These things He said and after that He said to them, “**Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.**”

Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get well.”

However Yeshua spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

Then Yeshua said to them plainly, “**Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him.**”

Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go that we may die with Him.”

So when Yeshua came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away and many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Yeshua was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Now Martha said to Yeshua, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

Yeshua said to her, “**Your brother will rise again.**”

Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again, in the resurrection, at the last day.”

Yeshua said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die he shall live and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?**”

She said to Him, “Yes Lord, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

And when she had said these things she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, “The Teacher has come and is calling for you.” As soon as she heard that she arose quickly and came to Him.

Now Yeshua had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. Then the Jews who were with her in the house and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”

Then when Mary came where Yeshua was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet,

saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Therefore when Yeshua saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled and He said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”

Yeshua wept.

Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” And some of them said, “Could not this Man who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?” Then Yeshua, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave and a stone lay against it.

Yeshua said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

Yeshua said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”

Then they took away the stone where the dead man was lying and Yeshua lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me and I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.”

Now when He had said these things He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!”

And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth.

Yeshua said to them, “Loose him and let him go.”

Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary and had seen the things Yeshua did believed in Him but some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Yeshua did.

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered as a council and said, “What shall we do, for this Man works many signs? If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.” And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.”

Now he did not say this on his own authority but being high priest that year he prophesied that Yeshua would die for the nation, and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

Then from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death. Therefore Yeshua no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness to a city called Ephraim and there remained with His disciples.

## Yeshua cleanses ten lepers on the way up to Jerusalem, via Samaria and Galilee

Luke 17 v 11

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers who stood afar off and they lifted up their voices and said, “Yeshua, Master, have mercy on us!”

So when He saw them He said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.”

And so it was, as they went they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks and he was a Samaritan.

So Yeshua answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”

And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

## The Days of Noah and the Days of Lot

Now when he was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come,

He answered and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation. Nor will they say, ‘See, here!’ or, ‘See, there!’ For indeed the kingdom of God is within you.”

Then He said to His disciples, “The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man and you will not see it and they will say to you, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ Do not go after them or follow them. For as the lightning which flashes from one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day but first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation and as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage until the day that Noah entered the Ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.”

“Likewise, as it was also in the days of Lot, they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built, but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so it will be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.”

“In that day, he who is on the housetop and his goods are in the house let him not come down to take them away and likewise the one who is in the field let him not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life will save it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed; the one will be taken, the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together; the one will be taken, the other left. Two men will be in the field, the one will be taken, the other left.”

And they answered Him and said, “Where Lord?”

So He said, “Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered.”



## The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Luke 18 v 1

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men ought always to pray and not lose heart saying, “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city and she came to him saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’”

Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said and shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

## The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others. “Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like the other men - extortioners, unjust, adulterers or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## Yeshua teaches on marriage and divorce

Matthew 19 v 1 (Mark 10 v 1)

Now it came to pass, when Yeshua had finished these sayings, *that* He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?”

And He answered and said to them, “**Have you not read that He, at the beginning, made them male and female and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.’ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined, let no man separate.**”

They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce and to put her away?”

He said to them, “**Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so and I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another commits adultery and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.**”

His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife it is better not to marry.”

But He said to them, “**All cannot accept this saying but only those to whom it has been given, for there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.**”

## Yeshua blesses the little children

Mark 10 v 13 (Matthew 19 v 13 / Luke 18 v 15)

Then they brought little children to Him that He might touch them but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Yeshua saw it He was greatly displeased and said to them, **“Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”**

And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them.

## Yeshua counsels the rich young ruler

Mark 10 v 17 (Matthew 19 v 16 / Luke 18 v 18)

Now as He was going out on the road one came running, knelt before Him and asked Him, “Good teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

So Yeshua said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is God. You know the commandments; ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour your father and mother.’”

And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

Then Yeshua looking at him, loved him and said, “One thing you lack, go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven and come, take up your cross and follow Me.”

But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Matthew Ch 19 v 23

Then Yeshua said to His disciples, “Assuredly I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

When His disciples heard it they were greatly astonished saying, “Who then can be saved?”

But Yeshua looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Then Peter answered Him and said, “See, we have left all and followed You, therefore what shall we have?”

So Yeshua said to them, “Assuredly I say to you that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last and the last, first. For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the labourers for a denarius a day he sent them to his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, ‘You also, go into the vineyard and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’

So when evening had come the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the labourers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise each received a denarius and when they received it they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way, I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first and the first last. For many are called but few chosen.”

## Yeshua predicts His Death and Resurrection for a third time

Matthew 20 v 17 (Mark 10 v 32 / Luke 18 v 31)

Now Yeshua, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the Scribes and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify and the third day He will rise again.”

Luke 18 v 34

But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

## The mother of Zebedee's sons comes to speak to Yeshua

Matthew 20 v 20 (Mark 10 v 35)

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him and He said to her, **"What do you wish?"**

She said to Him, **"Grant that these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right hand and the other on the left in Your kingdom."**

But Yeshua answered and said, **"You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?"**

They said to Him, **"We are able."**

So He said to them, **"You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with; but to sit on My right hand and My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."**

And when the ten heard it they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Yeshua called them to Himself and said, **"You know that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to be great among you let him be your servant and whoever desires to be first among you let him be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many."**

## The Son of David gives sight to two <sup>[1]</sup> blind men

Mark 10 v 46 (Matthew 20 v 30 / Luke 18 v 35)

Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Yeshua of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Yeshua, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

So Yeshua stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Yeshua.

So Yeshua answered and said to him, “**What do you want Me to do for you?**”

The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

Then Yeshua said to him, “**Go your way; your faith has made you well.**”

And immediately he received his sight and followed Yeshua on the road.

<sup>[1]</sup> Matthew records that there are actually two blind men



## Yeshua meets Zacchaeus, the tax collector

Luke 19 v 1

Then Yeshua entered and passed through Jericho.

Now behold there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector and he was rich and he sought to see who Yeshua was but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

And when Yeshua came to the place He looked up and saw him and said to him, **“Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”**

So he made haste and came down and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor, and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

And Yeshua said to him, **“Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham, for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.”**

## The Parable of the minas

Now as they heard these things He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. Therefore He said, “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas and said to them, ‘Do business until I come.’ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him saying, ‘We will not have this man to reign over us.’ And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ And He said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little have authority over ten cities.’ And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’ Then another came saying, ‘Master, here is your mina which I have put away in a handkerchief, for I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow.’ And he said to him, ‘Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’” And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him and give it to him who has ten minas.’ But they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas.’ For I say to you that to everyone who has will be given and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. But bring those enemies of mine who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.”

# The Passion Week

## Preparations for Yeshua's triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Mark 11 v1 (Matthew 21 v1 / Luke 19 v 29)

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives He sent two of His disciples and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it and if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it’ and immediately he will send it here.”

So they went their way and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street and they loosed it but some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing loosing the colt?” and they spoke to them just as Yeshua had commanded, so they let them go.

## Mary anoints Yeshua at Simon the Leper's house in Bethany

John 11 v 55

And Passover was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. Then they sought Yeshua and spoke among themselves as they stood in the Temple, "What do you think, that He will not come to this Feast? Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

Then six days before the Passover <sup>[1]</sup> Yeshua came to Bethany where Lazarus was, who had been raised from the dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

There they made Him a supper and Martha served but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Yeshua and wiped His feet with her hair and the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

This he said, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and had the money box and he used to take what was put in it.

But Yeshua said, "Let her alone, she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always."

Mark 14 v 9 (Matthew 26 v 13)

"Assuredly I say to you, wherever this Gospel is preached in the whole world what this woman has done will be told as a memorial to her."

<sup>[1]</sup> The time reference from John's Gospel shows us that this day begins on the ninth day of the first month of the year, the month of the Aviv, later called Nisan. John tells us later that it is the next day, therefore the tenth day of the month, that Yeshua will enter Jerusalem, riding a colt, the foal of a donkey. The tenth day of the first month was the day that the Passover lambs were selected and began a period of inspection before being sacrificed four days later on the fourteenth day of the month, known as the Preparation Day. Exodus 12 v 3 - 6

Then <sup>[1]</sup>Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them and when they heard it they were glad and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

John 12 v 9

Now a great many of the Jews knew He was there and they came out, not for Yeshua's sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Yeshua.

<sup>[1]</sup>This explains to us that from this point and throughout the coming days Judas is seeking to betray Yeshua. He will actually do the deal later in the week, as shown in the chronological account of Matthew and Mark. Matthew and Mark record this incident of the anointing without mentioning that it is Mary who anoints Yeshua. They place their account of the anointing out of chronology in order to connect the incident with the ongoing events they have both explained concerning Judas' role in the plot of the chief priests, the Scribes and the elders to kill Yeshua. It is after the time when Yeshua says 'there are two days until Passover' that Judas agrees to betray Yeshua and receives his thirty pieces of silver.

# The Triumphal Entry

## The 10th day of Aviv - The Sabbath day

- All four Gospels now synchronise with the Triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We know from John that this takes place “the next day” after the arrival at Bethany. This day is therefore the tenth day of the first month which is the day on which Moses, and all the children of Israel, were told to select a lamb of the first year, without blemish, and to bring it into their homes before killing it four days later. (Exodus 12 v 3 - 6 )  
Yeshua enters the holy city and then enters the ‘House (Temple) of God’ as the Lamb of God, on this day. It is the Sabbath day (saturday) and not ‘palm sunday’. Yeshua rides a ‘foal on which nobody has ever sat’, as opposed to a working donkey, which are forbidden from working on the Sabbath (Zech 9 v 9 / Ex 23 v 12).

Mark 11 v 7 (Matt 21 v 7 / Luke 19 v 35 / John 12 v 12)

Then they brought the colt to Yeshua and threw their clothes on it and many spread their clothes on the road and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Those who went before Him and those that followed cried out, saying, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of YHVH! The King of Israel. Blessed is the Kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of YHVH. Hosanna in the highest.”

Luke 19 v 38

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

But He answered and said to them, **“I tell you that if these should keep silent the stones would immediately cry out.”**

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, **“If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on**

every side and level you and your children within you to the ground. And they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Matthew 21 v 10

And when He had come into Jerusalem all the city was moved saying, “Who is this?” So the multitudes said, “This is Yeshua, the Prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

John 12 v 16

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Yeshua was glorified then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look the world has gone after him!”

## The Greeks arrive and God speaks audibly

John 12 v 20

Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the Feast. Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked saying, “Sir, we wish to see Yeshua.”

Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Yeshua.

But Yeshua answered them saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies it bears much grain. He who loves his life will lose it and he who hates his life, in this world, will keep it for eternal life.”

“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honour. “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say, Father save Me from this hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”

Therefore the people that stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.”

Yeshua answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. Now is the judgement of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *people* to Myself.”

This He said signifying by what death He would die.

The people answered Him, “We have heard from the Torah that the Messiah remains forever and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’”

Then Yeshua said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you, he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light that you may become sons of light.”

These things Yeshua spoke and departed and was hidden from them. But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled which he spoke, “*Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of YHVH been revealed?*” Therefore they could not believe because Isaiah said again, “*He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.*” These things Isaiah said when He saw His glory and spoke of Him.



Nevertheless, even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Then Yeshua cried out and said, “He who believes in Me believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak and I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

## Yeshua leaves Jerusalem for the night to lodge in Bethany

Mark 11 v 11

And Yeshua went into Jerusalem and into the Temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## Yeshua curses the fig tree

The 11th day of Aviv (Sat. Eve / Sun. Day)

Mark 11 v 12 (Matt 21 v 18)

Now the next day when they had come out of Bethany, He was hungry and seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Yeshua said to it, **“Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.”**

And His disciples heard it.

## Yeshua cleanses the Temple for a second time <sup>[1]</sup>

Mark 11 v 15 (Matt 21 v 12 / Luke 19 v 45 )

So they came to Jerusalem, then Yeshua went into the Temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the Temple, and overturned the tables of money changers and the seats of those who sold doves and He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the Temple.

Then He taught them saying, **“Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of thieves.”**

Matthew 21 v 14

Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the Temple and He healed them.

<sup>[1]</sup>The first time was in John chapter 2. The cleansing of the Temple - His Father's House - is consistent with the commandment in Ex 12 v 15 to remove all the leaven from the house before the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

But when the chief priests and Scribes saw the wonderful things that He did and the children crying out in the Temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”, they were indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?”

And Yeshua said to them, “**Yes, have you never read? ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise.’ ”**

Mark 11 v 18

And the Scribes and the chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him, for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.

When evening had come, He went out of the city.

Matthew 21 v 17 adds ‘to Bethany and He lodged there.’

## The Withered Fig Tree

The 12th day of Aviv (Sun. Eve / Mon. Day)

Mark 11 v 20 (Matt 21 v 18)

Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots and Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree You cursed has withered away.”

So Yeshua answered and said to him, “Have faith in God. For assuredly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

## Yeshua's authority is questioned

Mark 11 v 27 (Matthew 21 v 23 / Luke 20 v 1)

Then they came again to Jerusalem and as He was walking in the Temple, the chief priests, the Scribes and the elders came to Him, and they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?"<sup>[1]</sup>

But Yeshua answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question, then answer Me and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John - was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me."

And they reasoned among themselves saying, "If we say, 'From heaven', He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?', and if we say, 'From men...' " - they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. So they answered and said to Yeshua, "We do not know."

And Yeshua answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

<sup>[1]</sup>These things refer to the cleansing of the Temple the previous day. After a long sequence Yeshua will eventually provide an answer to this question when He asks a question concerning the Messianic Psalm 110, written by King David concerning his Son.

## Parable of the two sons

Matt 21 v 28

“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ He answered and said, ‘I will not’, but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise and he answered and said, ‘I go sir’, but he did not go. Which one of the two did the will of his father?”

They said to Him, “The first.”

Yeshua said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that tax collectors and harlots will enter the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but tax collectors and harlots believed him, and when you saw it you did not afterward regret it and believe him.”

## Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

Matthew 21 v 33 ( Mark 12 v 1 / Luke 20 v 9)

“Hear another parable. There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower and he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit and the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?”

They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruit in their seasons.”

Yeshua said to them, *“Have you never read in the Scriptures? ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was YHVH’s doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.’ Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken, but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”*

Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them but when they sought to lay hands on Him they feared the multitudes because they took Him for a prophet.

## The Parable of the Wedding Feast

Matthew 22 v 1

And Yeshua answered and spoke to them again by parables and said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding and they were not willing to come. Again he sent out other servants saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, ‘See I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and fatted cattle are killed and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.’ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business and the rest seized his servants and treated them spitefully and killed them. But when the king heard about it he was furious and he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready but those who were invited were not worthy, therefore go into the highways and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away and cast him into outer darkness.’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called and few are chosen.”



## The Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes take turns to test Yeshua

Matthew 22 v 15 (Mark 12 v 13 / Luke 20 v 20)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk and they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians saying, "Teacher we know that You are true and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us therefore, what do You think, is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

But Yeshua perceived their wickedness and said, "Why do you test Me? You hypocrites! Show Me the tax money."

So they brought Him a denarius and He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

When they heard these things they marvelled and left Him and went their way. The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked, "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies having no children his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now, there were with us seven brothers; the first died after he had married and having no offspring left his wife to his brother. Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore, in the resurrection whose wife of the seven will she be, for they all had her?"

Yeshua answered and said to them, "You are mistaken not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels of God in heaven. But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob' God is not the God of the dead but the living."

And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

Then one of the Scribes came and having heard them reasoning together perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

Yeshua answered him, "**The first of all the commandments is, 'Hear O Israel, YHVH our God, YHVH is one. And you shall love YHVH your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second like it is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.'**"

So the scribe said to Him, "Well said Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God and there is no other but He and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding, with the soul and with all strength and to love one's neighbour as oneself is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Now when Yeshua saw that he answered Him wisely He said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God.'**"

But after that no one dared question Him.

Then Yeshua answered and said while He taught in the Temple, "**How is it that the Scribes say that the Messiah is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Spirit, 'YHVH said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'** Therefore David himself calls Him 'Lord', how is He then His Son?"

And the common people heard Him gladly.

## Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees

Matthew 23 v 1 ( Mark 12 v 38 / Luke 20 v 45)

Then Yeshua spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying, “The Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat, therefore whatever they <sup>[1]</sup> tell you to observe that observe and do but do not do according to their works, for they say and do not do.”

“For they bind heavy burdens hard to bear and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. They love the best places at the feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, greetings in the marketplaces and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’ But you, do not be called Rabbi, for One is your Teacher, the Messiah and you are all brethren. Do not call anyone on earth your father, for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called teachers, for One is your teacher, the Messiah. But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant and whoever exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

“But woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, for you neither go in yourselves nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.”

“Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widow’s houses and for a pretence make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.”

“Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to make one proselyte and when he is won you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.”

<sup>[1]</sup>The Hebrew Matthew has ‘he’, referring to Moses, rather than ‘they’.

“Woe to you blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the Temple it is nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the Temple, he is obliged to perform it.’ Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the Temple that sanctifies the gold? And, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.’ Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Therefore, he who swears by the altar swears by it and by all things on it. He who swears by the Temple, swears by it and by all things in it. He who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it. ”

“Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin and have neglected the weightier matters of the Torah; justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done without leaving the others undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!”

“Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish but inside they are full of extortion and indulgence. Blind Pharisee. First cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.”

“Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Even so you outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

“Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the Prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous and say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the Prophets.’ Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the Prophets. Fill up then the measure of your father’s guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Therefore indeed I send you prophets, wise men and Scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah,

whom you murdered between the Temple and the altar. Assuredly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.”

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the Prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See your house is left to you desolate, for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of YHVH!’”

## The widow's two mites

Mark 12 v 41 (Luke 21 v 1)

Now Yeshua sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury and many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, **“Assuredly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury, for they put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had, her whole livelihood.”**

## Yeshua prophesies the destruction of the Temple

Mark 13 v 1 (Matthew 24 v 1 / Luke 21 v 5)

Then as He went out of the Temple one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here?”

And Yeshua answered and said to him, **“Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”**

# The Olivet Discourse

- Yeshua has now left the city and is about to have a private conversation with His disciples on the Mount of Olives. Mark records that it is Peter, James, John and Andrew who come to Yeshua.

## Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

Matthew 24 v 3 (Mark 13 v 3 / Luke 21 v 7)

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”

And Yeshua answered and said to them, “Take heed that no one deceives you, for many will come in My name saying, ‘I am the Messiah’ and will deceive many.”

“And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom and there will be famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places. All these things are the beginning of sorrows.”

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake and then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.”

Luke 21 v 13, adds more specifically referring to the destruction of Jerusalem, which Yeshua had just been asked about.

“But it will turn out for you as a testimony. Therefore settle in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death and you will be hated by all for My name’s sake, but not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience you will save your souls.”

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the countryside enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and those nursing babes in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people and they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all nations and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled.”

Matthew 24 v 11

“Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many, and because lawlessness will abound the love of many will grow cold but he who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. ”

## The Great Tribulation

Matt 24 v 14 (Mark 13 v 14 / Luke 21 v 20)

“Therefore when you see the ‘Abomination of Desolation’, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, (Let the reader understand!) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of the house and let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been seen since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days had been shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”

“Then, if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’, or, ‘There!’, do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand, therefore if they say, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out, or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and



flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

## The Coming of the Son of Man

Matthew 24 v 29

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to another.”

Luke 21 v 28

“Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads because your redemption draws near.”

## The Parable of the Fig Tree

Matthew 24 v 32 (Mark 13 v 28 / Luke 21 v 29)

“Now learn this parable from the fig tree; When its branch has already become tender and put forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things, know that it is near - at the doors! Assuredly I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away but My words will by no means pass away.”

## No one knows the day or the hour

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did

not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field, the one will be taken, the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill, one will be taken, the other left. Watch therefore for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming, but know this that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

## The Importance of Watching and Praying

Luke 21 v 34

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the cares of this life and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the earth. Watch therefore and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man.”

## The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

Matthew 24 v 45

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant whom his master made ruler over his household to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. But, if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming’, and begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour he is not aware of and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

## The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25 v 1

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise and five of them were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept and at midnight a cry was heard, ‘Behold, the Bridegroom is coming. Go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps and the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and for you, but go rather to those who sell and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’, but he answered and said, ‘Assuredly I say, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

## The Parable of the Talents

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man travelling to a far country who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to the one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them and made another five talents and likewise he who received two gained two more also. But he who received one went and dug in the ground and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents, look I have gained five more talents beside them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful in a few things, I will make you rule over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents, look I have gained two more talents beside them.’ His lord said to

him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful in a few things, I will make you rule over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Then the one who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed and I was afraid and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered him and said, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited money with the bankers and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him and give it to him who has ten talents.' For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will have an abundance, but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

## The Son of Man Judges the Nations

Matt 25 v 31

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink. I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick or in prison and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

"Then He will say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me you cursed, into

the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink. I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, I was naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they will answer Him saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them saying, 'Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## The Plot to Kill Yeshua

Matt 26 v 1 (Mark 14 v 1 / Luke 22 v 1)

Now it came to pass when Yeshua had finished all these sayings that He said to His disciples, “You know that after two days is the Passover and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests, the Scribes and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and plotted to take Yeshua by deception and kill Him. But they said, ‘Not during the Feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.’

Luke 22 v 3 (Matthew 26 v 14 / Mark 14 v 10)

Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered amongst the twelve. So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad and agreed to give him money. So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

## Yeshua makes preparations for Passover<sup>[1]</sup>

The 13th day of Aviv ( Mon. Eve / Tue. Day )

Luke 22 v 8 (Matthew 26 v 17 / Mark 14 v 12)

And He sent Peter and John, saying, **“Go and prepare the Passover for us that we may eat.”**

So they said to Him, **“Where do You want us to prepare?”**

And He said to them, **“Behold, when you enter the city a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water, follow him into the house in which he enters. Then you shall say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’ Then he will show you a large furnished upper room, there make ready.”**

So they went and found it just as He had said to them and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>[1]</sup> The synoptics all have this event on the ‘first day (Greek; protos) of the Feast of Unleavened Bread’, (which starts on the 15th day of the first month), whereas John is clear that this supper takes place before the Passover. The mistranslation of the Greek word ‘protos’ has these preparations for Passover taking place ‘on the first day of the Feast’. By this time the Passover lambs have been sacrificed and the Passover meal has started and it is impossible that Yeshua, the Lamb of God, could be having this conversation at this time, since He died on the fourteenth day of the month, according to the commandment. The word ‘protos’ indicates the beginning of something or, as we have seen in John 1 v 30, it can mean ‘before’ and so it would be more accurate for the synoptic accounts to say, ‘Before the Feast. . .’, indicating the time leading up to the Feast when pilgrims were arriving and making preparations for the Feast. Further to this, the synoptics clarify the situation later by recording that it was the Day of Preparation for Passover (see Matthew 27 v 62, Mark 15 v 42, Luke 23 v 54, John 19 v 31 and v 42.) when the Passover lambs were sacrificed and when Yeshua was crucified, as the Lamb of God. We shall see from the testimony of the women who followed Yeshua that this day is not the Preparation Day of the weekly Sabbath, i.e. Friday,

# The Last Supper

The 14th day of Aviv (Tue. Eve / Wed. Day)

John 13 v 1

Now before the Feast of the Passover <sup>[1]</sup>, when Yeshua knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Matthew 26 v 20 (Mark 14 v 17 / Luke 22 v 14)

When evening had come He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, **“Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”**

And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?”

He answered and said, **“He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes, just as it is written of Him, but woe to the man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”**

Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?”

He said to him , **“You have said it.”**

<sup>[1]</sup> John sets the correct timing for this meal in the first verse. This is not the Passover meal. The Passover Lamb is killed on the fourteenth day of the month. It is eaten after the sun has set, at the beginning of the fifteenth day which is also the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Exodus 12).

Luke 22 v 15



Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for <sup>[1]</sup> I say to you I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom.”

Matthew 26 v 26

And as they were eating, Yeshua took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>[1]</sup> All is prepared for the Passover meal on the following night but Yeshua is telling them that He will not be in attendance.

## A dispute arises amongst the disciples

Luke 22 v 24

Now there was also a dispute among them as to which of them should be considered the greatest and He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors, but not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. But you are the ones who have continued with Me in My trials and I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

John 13 v 2

And supper being ended, the devil, having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Yeshua knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from the supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter and Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?”

Yeshua answered and said to him, “What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”

Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!”

Yeshua answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

Yeshua said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is

completely clean, and you are clean, but not all of you.”

For He knew who would betray Him, therefore He said, “**You are not all clean.**”

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments and sat down again, He said to them, “**Do you understand what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If then, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**”

“I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, *‘He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me’*, now I tell you before it comes, that when it comes to pass you may believe that I am He. Most assuredly I say to you, he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

When Yeshua had spoken these things He was troubled in spirit and testified and said, “**Most assuredly I say to you, one of you will betray Me.**”

Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. Now there was a man leaning on Yeshua’s bosom, one of His disciples whom Yeshua loved. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke, then leaning back on Yeshua’s breast, he said to Him, “Lord, who is it? ”

Yeshua answered, “**It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.**”

And having dipped the bread He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.

Then Yeshua said to him, “**What you do, do quickly.**”

But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. For some thought, because Judas had the money box that Yeshua had said to him, “Buy those things we need for the Feast” or that he should give something to the poor.

Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately and it was night.

## Judas leaves and a New Commandment is given

John 13 v 31

So when he had gone out, Yeshua said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going you cannot come’, so now I say to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## Yeshua reveals for the first time <sup>[1]</sup> that Peter will deny Him three times

John 13 v 36

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?”

Yeshua answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.”

Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Yoursake.”

Luke 22 v 31

And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon, indeed Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.”

John 13 v 38

Yeshua answered him, “Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.”

<sup>[1]</sup> It becomes clear that later on that evening Peter will object to this prophecy and so Yeshua will tell him for a second time. The second occasion is covered by Matthew and Mark and is placed later, when they have left the upper room and are heading to the Garden of Gethsemane.

And He said to them, “When I sent you without money bag, knapsack and sandals, did you lack anything?”

So they said, “Nothing.”

Then He said to them, “But now he who has a money bag, let him take it and likewise a knapsack and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me, ‘*And He was numbered with the transgressors.*’ For the things concerning Me have an end.”

So they said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

And He said to them, “Enough.”

## Yeshua is the Way, the Truth and the Life

John 14 v 1

“Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s House are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

Yeshua said to him, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

Yeshua said to him, “Have I been with you so long and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father, so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in Me? The words I speak to you, I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me, that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. Most assuredly I say to you, he who believes in Me the works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these will he do, because I go to My Father and whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

## Yeshua promises to send the Holy Spirit

“If you love Me, keep My commandments and I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you.”

“A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

Judas, not Iscariot, said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us and not to the world?”

Yeshua answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words, and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.”

“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you, but the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things I said to you.”

“Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you.’ If you loved Me you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father, for My Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming and he has nothing in Me, but that the world may know that I love the Father and as the Father gave Me commandment so I do. Arise, let us go from here.”



## The group head towards the Mount of Olives

- Matthew 26 v 30 and Mark 14 v 26 both say that ‘when they had sung a hymn’ they went out to the Mount of Olives. Luke also records that after the first announcement of Peter’s denial, they returned to the Mount of Olives and it is on the way that Yeshua tells Peter for a second time that he will deny Him.

Matthew 26 v 31 (Mark 14 v 27)

Then Yeshua said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written, ‘I will strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered’, but after I have been raised I will go before you to Galilee.”

Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.”

Yeshua said to him, “Assuredly I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!”  
And so said all the disciples.

## Yeshua is the True Vine

John 15 - 16 continues the narrative on the journey towards the Mount of Olives.

“I am the true vine and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, My Father lifts up and every branch that bears fruit He prunes that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is cast out as a branch and is withered and they gather them and throw them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be made full. This is My commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

“You did not choose Me but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another.”

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own, yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’”

“If they persecuted Me they will persecute you also. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father, but this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, *‘They hated Me without a cause.’* But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me and you also will bear witness because you have been with Me from the beginning.”

John 16 v 1

“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service and these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things I have told you that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them and these things I did not say to you at the beginning because I was with you. But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; It is to your advantage that I go away for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you, but if I depart I will send Him to you and when He has come, He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgement; Of sin, because they do not believe in Me, of righteousness because I go to My Father and you see Me no more, of judgement because the ruler of this world is judged.”

“I still have many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. However when He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears that He will speak and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said He will take of Mine and declare it to you. A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and then you will see Me, because I go to the Father.”

Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, “A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and then you will see Me” and “because I go to the Father?” They said therefore, “What is this that He says, “A little while?” We do not know what He is saying.”

Now Yeshua knew that they desired to ask Him and He said to them, “Are you enquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and then you will see Me?’ Most assuredly I say to you that you will weep and lament but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy. A woman when she is in labour has sorrow because her hour has come, but as soon as she has given birth to the child she no longer remembers anguish for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice and your joy no one will take from you. And in that day you will ask Me nothing, most assuredly I say to you whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full.”

“These things I have spoken to you in figurative language, but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name and I do not say to you that I will pray the Father for you, for the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

His disciples said to Him, “See now You are speaking plainly and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.”

Yeshua answered them, “Do you now believe? Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

## Yeshua prays for Himself, then for His disciples and then for all Believers to Come

John 17 v 1

Yeshua spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You. As You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God and Yeshua the Messiah whom You have sent.”

“I have glorified You on earth, I have finished the work which You gave Me to do and now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

“I have manifested Your name to the men You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You, for I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them, I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I come to you. Holy Father keep through Your name those You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those You have given Me I have kept and none of them is lost, except the son of perdition that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I have also sent them into the world and for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they may also be sanctified by the truth.”

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me, I have given them, that they may be one, as We are one, I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one and that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

“O righteous Father, the world has not known You but I have known You and these have known that You sent Me and I have declared to them Your name and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

When Yeshua had spoken these things He went out over the Brook Kidron where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

## The Garden of Gethsemane

Mark 14 v 32 (Matthew 26 v 36 / Luke 22 v 40 / John 18 v 1)

Then they came to a place which is called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, “**Sit here while I pray.**”

And He took Peter, James and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, “**My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.**”

He went a little farther and fell on the ground and prayed that if it was possible the hour might pass from Him and He said, “**Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not what I will, but what You will.**”

Then He came and found them sleeping and said to Peter, “**Simon, are you sleeping, could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.**”

Again He went away and prayed and spoke the same words and when He returned He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy and they did not know what to answer Him.

Luke 22 v 43

Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him and being in agony He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Mark 14 v 41

Then He came the third time and said to them, “**Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough, the hour has come! Behold the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.**”

## Yeshua is Arrested

And immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs came from the chief priests, Scribes and elders. Now His betrayer had given them a signal saying, "Whoever I kiss, He is the One, seize Him and lead Him away safely."

As soon as he had come, he went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

Luke 22 v 48

But Yeshua said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

John 18 v 4

Yeshua, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

They answered Him, "Yeshua of Nazareth"

Yeshua said to them, "I am He" and Judas who betrayed Him also stood with them.

Now when He said to them, "I am He" they drew back and fell to the ground.

Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" and they answered, "Yeshua of Nazareth"

Yeshua answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore if you seek Me, let these go their way", that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "*Of those You have given Me, I have lost none.*"

Luke 22 v 49

When those around Him saw what was going to happen they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword? "



John 18 v 10

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

So Yeshua said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Matthew 26 v 53

"Or do you not think that I cannot now pray to My Father and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must happen thus?"

Luke 22 v 51

And He touched his ear and healed him.

Then Yeshua said to the chief priests, captains of the Temple and elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you daily in the Temple you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness."

Matthew 26 v 56

"But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

## Peter's first denial of Yeshua

John 18 v 12

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Yeshua and bound Him and they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father in law of Caiaphas who was the high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Yeshua and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest and went with Yeshua into the courtyard of the high priest but Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples are you?"

He said, "I am not."

Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there for it was cold, and they warmed themselves and Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

## Yeshua questioned by the High Priest

John 18 v 19

The high priest then asked Yeshua about His disciples and His doctrine.

Yeshua answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the Temple where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

And when He had said these things one of the officers who stood by struck Yeshua with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You speak to the high priest like that?"

Yeshua answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil, but if well, why do you strike Me?"

Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

## Yeshua before the Sanhedrin

Matthew 26 v 57 (Mark 14 v 53 / Luke 22 v 54)

And those who had laid hold of Yeshua led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the Scribes and elders were assembled but Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard and he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

Now the chief priests, the elders and all the council sought false testimony against Yeshua to put Him to death, but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward they found none. But at last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

But Yeshua kept silent and the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God; tell us if You are the Messiah, the Son of God!"

Yeshua said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man, sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! What do you think?"

They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, saying, "Prophesy to us, Messiah! Who is the one who struck You?"

## Peter denies knowing Yeshua

Matthew 26 v 69 (Mark 14 v 66 / Luke 22 v 55 / John 18 v 15)

Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard and a servant girl came to him saying, “You also were with Yeshua of Galilee.”

But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”

And when he had gone out to the gateway another saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Yeshua of Nazareth.”

But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”

And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.”

Then he began to curse and swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed and Peter remembered the words of Yeshua who had said to him, “**Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**”

And he went out and wept bitterly.

## Judas kills himself

Matthew 27 v 3

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it."

Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the Temple and went and departed and hanged himself.

But the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury because they are the price of blood."

And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore, the field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah <sup>[1]</sup> the prophet saying, "*And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they, the children of Israel priced, and gave them for the potter's field, as YHVH directed me.*"

<sup>[1]</sup> The quote is from Zechariah

## Yeshua handed over to Pilate

John 18 v 28 (Matt 27 v 2 / Mark 15 v 15 / Luke 23 v 1)

Then they led Yeshua from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they may eat the Passover.<sup>[1]</sup>

Pilate then went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this Man?”

They answered and said to him, “If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you.”

Then Pilate said, “You take Him and judge Him according to your law.”

Therefore they said, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death”, that the saying of Yeshua might be fulfilled which He spoke signifying by what death He would die.

Luke 23 v 2

Then they began to accuse Him saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Messiah, a King.”

John 18 v 33

Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Yeshua and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

Yeshua answered him, “Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?”

<sup>[1]</sup> Again, this shows us that the Passover meal had not yet been eaten as this is on the morning of the 14th day, the day of Preparation for Passover - John 19 v 14.

Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

Yeshua answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world. If My Kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My Kingdom is not from here."

Pilate, therefore, said to Him, "Are You a King then?"

Yeshua answered, "You say rightly that I am a King. For this cause I was born and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of truth hears My voice"

Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."



## Yeshua is sent to Herod

Luke 23 v 5

But they were the more furious, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.” When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean and as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Now when Herod saw Yeshua, he was exceedingly glad, for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and Scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. Then Herod with his men of war treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

## Back before Pilate

Luke 23 v 13

Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people said to them, “You have brought this man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning these things of which you accuse Him. No, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him.”

## Barabbas goes Free

Matthew 27 v 15

Now at the Feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas or Yeshua, Who is called Messiah?” For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

While he was sitting at the judgement seat, his wife sent to him saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Yeshua.

The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

They said, “Barabbas.”

Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Yeshua Who is called Messiah?”

They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified.”

Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?”

But they cried out all the more saying, “Let Him be crucified!”

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.”

And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and our children.”

Luke 23 v 24

So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested and he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison, but he delivered Yeshua to their will.

## Yeshua is mocked and beaten

Matthew 27 v 27 - 30

Then the soldiers of the governor took Yeshua into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put *it* on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

John 19 v 4 (Matthew 27 v 26 / Mark 15 v 15)

Pilate then went out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know I find no fault in Him."

Then Yeshua came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe and Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man."

Therefore when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!"

Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

The Jews answered him and said, "We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

Therefore when Pilate heard that saying he was the more afraid and went again to the Praetorium and said to Yeshua, "Where are You from?"

But Yeshua gave him no answer.

Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You and power to release You?"

Yeshua answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had

been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.”

From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Yeshua out and sat down in the judgement seat in a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover and about the sixth hour and he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”

But they cried out, “Away with Him. Away with Him. Crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?”

The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!”

Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Yeshua and led Him away.

Matthew 27 v 31

And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to be crucified.

## Simon from Cyrene carries Yeshua's cross

Luke 23 v 26 (Matthew 27 v 31 / Mark 15 v 20)

Now as they led Him away they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Yeshua and a great multitude of the people followed Him and women also mourned and lamented Him.

But Yeshua turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren wombs that never bore and breasts which never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’, and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’. For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

## The King on a Cross

Matthew 27 v 33 (Mark 15 v 22 / Luke 23 v 32 / John 19 v 18)

And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say the Place of the Skull, they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink but when He had tasted it, He would not drink it. Then they crucified Him and divided His garments casting lots that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, *“They divided My garments among them and for My clothing they cast lots.”*

Luke 23 v 32

There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right hand and one on the left. Then Yeshua said, **“Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”**

Matthew 27 v 36

Sitting down they kept watch over Him there and they put up over His head the accusation written against Him,

“ THIS IS YESHUA THE KING OF THE JEWS ”

John 19 v 20

Then many of the Jews read this title for the place where Yeshua was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’ but He said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’ ”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

Mark 15 v 27

With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, *“And He was numbered with the transgressors.”*

And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! you who destroy the Temple and build it in three days, save Yourself and come down from the cross!”

Likewise the chief priests, also mocking among themselves with the Scribes, said, “He saved others, Himself He cannot save. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe,”

Matthew 27 v 43

“He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ”

Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

## One of the criminals has a drastic change of heart!

Luke 23 v 39

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Messiah, save Yourself and us.” But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said to Yeshua, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.”

And Yeshua said to him, “Assuredly I say to you today, you will be with Me in Paradise.”



## Behold Your Mother!

John 19 v 25

Now there stood by the cross of Yeshua His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Yeshua therefore saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother,

“Woman, behold your son!”

Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!”

And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

## Yeshua Dies

Matthew 27 v 45 (Mark 15 v 33 / Luke 23 v 44 / John 19 v 28)

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land and about the ninth hour Yeshua cried out with a loud voice, saying, **“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”**, that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

John 19 v 28

After this Yeshua, knowing that all things were accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **“I thirst.”**

Matthew 27 v 47

Some of those that stood there, when they heard that, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah.”

Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and offered it to Him to drink. The rest said, “Let Him alone, let us see if Elijah<sup>[1]</sup> will come to save Him.”

John 19 v 29

Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Yeshua had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished!”**

Luke 23 v 46

And when Yeshua had cried out with a loud voice He said, **“Father into Your hands I commit My spirit.”** Having said this He breathed His last.

<sup>[1]</sup> At every Passover meal an extra seat and an extra cup of wine are placed at the table in case Elijah should return, since Elijah must come before the Messiah. This is still the case today in Jewish families.

Matthew 27 v 51 (Mark 15 v 38 / Luke 23 v 45)

Then, behold, the veil of the Temple was torn in two pieces from top to bottom and the earth quaked and the rocks were split; and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. So when the centurion and those with him who were guarding Yeshua saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly, this was the Son of God."

And many women who followed Him from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

## Yeshua is Buried

Mark 15 v 42 (Matt 27 v 57 / Luke 23 v 50 / John 19 v 31)

Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage went into Pilate and asked for the body of Yeshua. Pilate marvelled that He was already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

Then he bought fine linen, took Him down and wrapped Him in the linen and he laid Him in a tomb which he had hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

John 19 v 31 - 42

Therefore because it was the Preparation Day that the bodies should not remain on the crosses on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day) the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him but when they came to Yeshua and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, *“Not one of His bones shall be broken”*<sup>[1]</sup> and again, *“They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”*<sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup>The command in Exodus 12 v 46 is that none of the bones of the Passover lamb should be broken. It is also prophesied in Psalm 34 v 20 that none of His bones would be broken.

<sup>[2]</sup>They shall look on Him whom they pierced - Zechariah 12 v 10 - Zechariah also has much to say about the events of this week which began with the Triumphant Entry.

After this Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Yeshua, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Yeshua and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Yeshua and Nicodemus, who at first came to Yeshua by night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about one hundred pounds.

Then they took the body of Yeshua and bound it in strips of linen with the spices as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Yeshua, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

## The Tomb is Sealed

Matthew 27 v 62

On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember when He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days, I will rise.' Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead', so the last deception will be worse than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard, go your way make it as secure as you know how."

So they went away and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

## The Spice Girls

Mark 16 v 1

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices that they might come and anoint Him.

Luke 23 v 56

Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils and they rested on the Sabbath, according to the commandment.

- Luke states that these women saw how He was laid. From their perspective Yeshua has not been buried according to the 'custom of the Jews', described by John. They did not see the preparations made by Joseph and Nicodemus and therefore it is not contained in their testimony of the events. This is why they go to buy spices to anoint Yeshua's body after the Sabbath, then they prepare the spices before resting on the Sabbath! That is to say, between the two Sabbaths! The first Sabbath, mentioned by Mark, is the "high Sabbath" of the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (which began on Wednesday evening) and the second Sabbath, mentioned by Luke, is the weekly Sabbath, beginning on Friday evening, leaving a day in between to buy the spices!

## He is Risen!

- The incident of the angels rolling the stone away happens before Mary arrives at the tomb. The soldiers have already fled and they are on their way to report the incident before Mary arrives. It is placed at the beginning of this section to establish the chronology of these events. The soldiers are mentioned later when they turn up in Jerusalem.

Further to this, neither Mary nor any of the women were aware that the tomb has been sealed since this happened the day after the burial. They ask the question, “Who will roll away the stone?”, since they also do not know that a guard has been placed outside. Neither Mary nor the other women ever see the guards, they do however see the angel of the Lord who explains what has happened.

Matthew 28 v 2

And, behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning and his clothing as white as snow and the guards shook for fear of him, and they became like dead men.

John 20 v 1

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter and to another disciple, whom Yeshua loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord, out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came following him and went into the tomb, and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded together in a place by itself.

The other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead.

Then the disciples went away again to their homes but Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb and she saw two angels in white, sitting one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Yeshua had lain.

Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Yeshua standing there, and did not know that it was Yeshua.

Yeshua said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”

Yeshua said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say Master).

Yeshua said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and to your Father and to My God and your God.’ ”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

Mark 16 v 10

She went and told those who had been with Him as they mourned and wept.



And when they heard that He was alive, and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

Mark 16 v 2

Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door for us?”

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large, and entering the tomb they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Yeshua of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.”

Luke 24 v 5

“Why do you seek the living amongst the dead? He is not here but is risen. Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ ”

And they remembered His words.

Mark 16 v 7

“But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. ”

So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Matthew 28 v 9

And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Yeshua met them saying, **“Rejoice!”** So they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him.

Then Yeshua said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

## The Tomb Guards are Bribed

Matthew 28 v 11 - 15

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, ‘Tell them His disciples stole Him while we slept.’ And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will appease him and make you secure.” So they took the money and did as they were instructed, and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

## The Women give their report of the Resurrection

Luke 24 v 9

Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them.

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb, and stooping down he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves and he departed, marvelling to himself at what had happened.

## The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24 v 13

Now behold, two of them were travelling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem, and they talked together of all these things which had happened.

So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Yeshua Himself drew near and went with them but their eyes were restrained, so they did not know Him.

And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?”

Then one of those, whose name was Cleopas, answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened here in these days?”

And He said to them, “What things?”

So they said to Him, “The things concerning Yeshua of Nazareth, who was a Prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us; When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.”

Then He said to them, “O foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not the Messiah to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?”

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets He expounded to them in all the

Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Then they drew near to the village where they were going and He indicated that He would have gone farther but they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him, and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them, gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!" And they told them about the things that had happened on the road and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Now as they said these things Yeshua Himself stood in the midst of them and said, "Peace to you!"

But they were terrified and frightened and supposed they had seen a spirit.

And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy and marvelled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

So they gave Him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence.

Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all the things must be fulfilled which were written in the Torah of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”

And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

John 20 v 21

So Yeshua said to them again, “Shalom to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them. If you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained.”

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Yeshua came. The other disciples therefore said to him , “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my hand in His side, I will not believe.”

## Eight Days Later

John 20 v 26

And after eight days His disciples were again inside and Thomas with them. Yeshua came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “**Shalom to you.**”

Then He said to Thomas, “**Reach your finger here and look at My hands, and reach your hand here and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.**”

And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

Yeshua said to him, “**Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**”

And truly Yeshua did many other signs in the presence of His disciples which are not written in this book, but these are written that you may believe that Yeshua is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

## Yeshua appears again

John 21 v 1

After these things Yeshua showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself - Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We are going with you also."

They went and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Yeshua stood on the shore, yet the disciples did not know that it was Yeshua.

Then Yeshua said to them, "Children, have you any food?"

They answered Him, "No."

And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Yeshua loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, (for he had removed it) and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits) dragging the net with fish.

Then as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

Yeshua said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

Yeshua said to them, **“Come and eat breakfast.”**

Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?” - knowing that it was the Lord.

Yeshua then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Yeshua showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

## Yeshua Restores Peter

So when they had eaten breakfast, Yeshua said to Simon Peter, **“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?”**

He said to Him, “Yes Lord, You know I love You.”

He said to him, **“Feed My lambs.”**

He said to him again, a second time, **“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?”**

He said to Him, “Yes Lord, You know that I love You.”

He said to him, **“Tend My sheep.”**

He said to him the third time, **“Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?”**

Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, **“Do you love Me?”** and he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things, You know that I love You.”

Yeshua said to him, **“Feed My sheep. Most assuredly I say to you, when you were younger you girded yourself and walked where you wished, but when you are old,**



you will stretch out your hands and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.”

This He spoke signifying by what death he would glorify God.

And when He had spoken this He said to him, “Follow Me.”

Then Peter, turning around saw the disciple whom Yeshua loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper and said, ‘Lord, who is the one who betrays You?’ Peter, seeing him, said to Yeshua, “But Lord, what about this man?”

Yeshua said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

Then this saying went out among the brethren that the disciple would not die. Yet Yeshua did not say that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?”

This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things and we know that his testimony is true. And there are many other things that Yeshua did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that not even the world itself could contain the books that would be written. Amen.

## The Commission

Matthew 28 v 18

And Yeshua came and spoke to them saying, “All authority has been given to Me, in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Mark 16 v 15

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow them that believe; in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will take up serpents and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them. They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.”

## The Ascension

Luke 24 v 46

Then He said to them, “Thus it was written and thus it was necessary, for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold I send the Promise of My Father upon you, but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Acts 1 v 4

“for John truly baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

Therefore when they had come together they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Luke 24 v 50

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the Temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Mark 16 v 19

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere,

the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

## Angels appear to the disciples

Acts 1 v 9

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight and while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Yeshua who was taken up from you into heaven will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

## The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost / Shavuot

Acts 2 v 1

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the House <sup>[1]</sup> where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were, dwelling in Jerusalem, Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when the sound occurred, the multitude came together and were confused because everyone heard them speaking in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marvelled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes, Elamites and those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia. Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene. Visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes. Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own language, the wonderful works of God."

So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

Others mocking, said, "They are full of new wine."

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and heed my words. For these are not drunk as you suppose, since it is the third hour of the day.

<sup>[1]</sup> the "House" is the Temple, the House of God

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel, *'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says YHVH, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood and fire and vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and awesome day of YHVH. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of YHVH, shall be saved.'*

Men of Israel, hear these words, Yeshua of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs which God did through Him in your midst - as you yourselves know - Him being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified and put to death. Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. For David says concerning Him, *'I foresaw YHVH always before my face, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart rejoiced and my tongue was glad, moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. For you will not leave my soul in hades nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life, You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'*

Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David; That he is both dead and buried and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his body according to the flesh, He would raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne. He, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Yeshua God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore, being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out that which you now see and hear. For David himself did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself, *'YHVH said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'*

Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Yeshua, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Then Peter said, "Repent! And let every one of you be baptised in the name of Yeshua the Messiah for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

Then those who gladly received his word were baptised, and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together and had all things in common and sold their possessions and goods and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

So continuing daily with one accord in the Temple and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added daily those who were being saved.

## The Epilogue

Having beheld the wonderful ministry of the Lamb of God from His conception, through to His death, burial, resurrection and ascension back to where He came from, let us now begin to behold Him as He now is, seated in glory!

Yeshua is the Lamb of God slain from before the foundation of the world. This amazing revelation is beautifully portrayed to us in the Book of Revelation and it is to this Book that we must now fix our eyes and gaze upon the Lamb of God as He is and as He will be.

It is John who recorded the eternal words of John the Baptist's declaration, "Behold the Lamb of God!" These words are recorded twice and are the only explicit references to Yeshua in this way in all of the Gospels and the Epistles. Peter and Paul both make clear implicit references to Yeshua as the spotless Lamb and as Messiah our Passover, but it is only John who refers to Him with this prophetic title.

It is the very same John who wrote the Book of Revelation and it is in this Book where Yeshua is mentioned as the Lamb of God on twenty eight occasions compared to just two times in the Gospels. Therefore as we bring this Biblical narrative to a close, let us turn to the last book in the Bible, the Book of Revelation, and behold the Lamb of God Who was slain and Who is alive.

Let us behold Him as He sits on the throne, as He prepares to return for His bride.

Let us join with Creation and sing the 'New Song' of Scripture which the prophets and psalmists longed to hear - "Worthy is the Lamb . . ."

Let us who believe in Him rejoice that our names have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Let us look forward to His return for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb when His bride will become known as the Lamb's wife.

The Book of Revelation references to the Lamb - Ch 5 v 6, 8, 12, 13 / Ch 6 v 1, 16 / Ch 7 v 9, 10, 14, 17 / Ch 12 v 11 / Ch 13 v 8 / Ch 14 v 1, 4 (x2), 10 / Ch 15 v 3 / Ch 17 v 14 (x2) / Ch 19 v 7, 9 / Ch 21 v 9, 14, 22, 23, 27 / Ch 22 v 1, 3



## Appendix 1

### The Genealogies of Matthew and Luke

#### The Genealogy of Yeshua According to Luke

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|                 | Yeshua      |
| supposed son of | Joseph      |
| the son of      | Heli        |
| “               | Matthat     |
| “               | Levi        |
| “               | Melchi      |
| “               | Janna       |
|                 | Joseph      |
|                 | Matthathias |
|                 | Amos        |
|                 | Naum        |
|                 | Elsi        |
|                 | Nagge       |
|                 | Maath       |
|                 | Matthathias |
|                 | Semei       |
|                 | Joseph      |
|                 | Juda        |
|                 | Joanna      |
|                 | Rhesa       |
|                 | Zorobabel   |
|                 | Salathiel   |
|                 | Neri        |
|                 | Melchi      |
|                 | Addi        |
|                 | Cosam       |
|                 | Elmodam     |
|                 | Er          |
|                 | Jose        |

Eliezer  
Jorim  
Matthat  
Levi  
Simeon  
Judah  
Joseph  
Jonan  
Eliakim  
Melea  
Menan  
Matthata  
Nathan  
David  
Jesse  
Obed  
Boaz  
Salmon  
Naason  
Amminadab  
Aram  
Esrom  
Phares  
Judah  
Jacob  
Isaac  
Abraham  
Thara  
Nahor  
Saruch  
Ragau  
Phelec  
Heber  
Sala  
Cainan

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|            | Arphexad   |
|            | Shem       |
|            | Noe        |
|            | Lamech     |
|            | Methuselah |
|            | Enoch      |
|            | Jared      |
|            | Maleel     |
|            | Cainan     |
|            | Enos       |
|            | Seth       |
| the son of | Adam       |
| the son of | God        |

### The Genealogy of Yeshua According to Matthew

The book of the genealogy of Yeshua the Messiah, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.

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| 1.  | Abraham                     |
| 2.  | who begat Isaac             |
| 3.  | Jacob / Israel              |
| 4.  | Judah ( and his brothers. ) |
| 5.  | Perez                       |
| 6.  | Hezron                      |
| 7.  | Ram                         |
| 8.  | Amminadab                   |
| 9.  | Nahshon                     |
| 10. | Salmon                      |
| 11. | Boaz ( by Ruth )            |
| 12  | Obed                        |
| 13. | Jesse                       |
| 14. | David                       |

1. Solomon
2. Rehoboam
3. Abijah
4. Asa
5. Jehoshaphat
6. Joram
7. Uzziah
8. Jotham
9. Ahaz
10. Hezekiah
11. Manasseh
12. Amon
13. Josiah
14. Jeconiah (At the time of the Babylonian captivity)

1. Shealtiel (After the time of the captivity)
2. Zerubbabel
3. Abiud
4. Eliakim
5. Azor
6. Zadok
7. Achim
8. Ellud
9. Eleazer
10. Matthan
11. Jacob
12. Joseph, the father of (\*not the husband)
13. Mary
14. of whom was born Yeshua, who is called Messiah.

- Matthew records that:  
 There are fourteen generations from Abraham to David.  
 There are fourteen generations from David to the captivity in Babylon.  
 There are fourteen generations from the captivity in Babylon to the Messiah.  
 In the King James Version, and all other versions, Mary is recorded as the wife of Joseph. If that were the case then the simple formula that Matthew,

the former tax collector, gives would not add up.

In Matthew's genealogy Mary is actually the daughter of Joseph, (this is clear in the Hebrew version of Matthew) making fourteen generations from the captivity until the Messiah.

- Furthermore, it is clear to see from Luke's account that the father of Mary's husband, Joseph, was Heli, whereas the father of Mary's father, Joseph, was Jacob. If this was Mary's husband then Joseph had two different fathers, i.e. Heli according to Luke and Jacob according to Matthew.

## Appendix 2

- From the Catholic Encyclopedia, which proposes the theory of a 3 ½ year ministry - "There are two extreme views as to the length of the ministry of Jesus: St. Irenæus (*Against Heresies* II.22.3-6) appears to suggest a period of fifteen years. The prophetic phrases, "the year of recompenses", "the year of my redemption" (Isaiah 34:8; 63:4), appear to have induced Clement of Alexandria, Julius Africanus, Philastrius, Hilarion, and two or three other patristic writers to allow only one year for the public life. This latter opinion has found advocates among certain recent students: von Soden, for instance, defends it in Cheyne's "Encyclopaedia Biblica". Westcott and Hort omit the expression "the pasch" in John 6 v 4 to compress the ministry of Jesus within the space of one year.
- From Stromata, Book 1, by Clement of Alexandria (150 - 215 AD) Chapter XXI - "And the followers of Basilides hold the day of His baptism as a festival, spending the night before in readings. And they say that it was the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar, And treating of His passion, with very great accuracy, some say that it took place in the sixteenth year of Tiberius, the Saviour suffered. **And that it was necessary for Him to preach only a year, this also is written: "He hath sent Me to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." This both the prophet spake, and the Gospel.** Accordingly, in fifteen years of Tiberius and fifteen years of Augustus; so were completed the **thirty years** till the time He suffered."
- Julius Africanus was a Christian historian and writer who lived in the 3rd century AD. He is known for his extensive work on chronology and history, including a five-volume history of the world called "Chronographiae". As stated above, he is recognised as witness to a one year ministry.

It is clear from these quotations that the early commentators were not proposing a 3 ½ year ministry. This theory was championed in the 4th Century by Eusebius. However it is clear that the earlier writers were not of the same opinion and for them to have even proposed a one year ministry they could not have possibly been

reading the same version of John 6 that we have today. As we will see in the next appendix, verse 4 in John 6 makes a one year ministry impossible since it introduces an extra Passover into his Gospel, making 3 Passovers explicitly mentioned, which would mean that Yeshua had at least a 2 year ministry. For the above writers to have proposed a one year ministry means that they could not have been reading the same text. This is dealt with more in the following appendix.

## Appendix 3

### John Chapter 6 v 4

After these things Yeshua went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea of Tiberias*. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

And Yeshua went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. *Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.* Then Yeshua lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “**Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?**” But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”

Then Yeshua said, “**Make the people sit down.**”

Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Yeshua took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “**Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.**” Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Yeshua did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

John 6 v 4 says, “Now the Passover, a Feast of the Jews was near”. This verse has been added to the original text. Please read this part of the narrative again, without this addition and notice how it flows perfectly. The addition of verse 4 clearly stands out as a later interpolation when the text is read without it -



**“And Yeshua went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Then Yeshua lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”**

The Gospel of John is unlike the Synoptic Gospels in that John writes almost exclusively about events in Jerusalem at the Feasts of YHVH. John chapters 2 and 3 are recorded at Passover, chapter 5 is at Pentecost, chapter 7 is at Tabernacles, chapters 8, 9 and 10 are at Hanukkah and chapter 12 through to chapter 20 is at Passover. As John wrote at the beginning of his Gospel account when recording John the Baptist's words, “Behold the Lamb of God.” Yeshua the Messiah is our Passover (1 Corinthians 5 v 7) and John records the events through the journey of the Lamb of God as He walks through His ministry from this perspective of the Feasts at Jerusalem over the course of one year. According to the commandment in Exodus 12, the Passover lamb had to be a male of the first year, without spot or blemish. Yeshua started His ministry to the proclamation “Behold the Lamb of God” and was pronounced “without fault” on the day of His crucifixion. Indeed the Messiah is our Passover and His ministry lasted just over one year, 70 weeks to be precise.

Further to this, we only need to continue in the chronological narrative to see the events which follow immediately after the feeding of the five thousand. It is clear that Yeshua does not go to Jerusalem, on the contrary He heads north. We see that the next Feast is actually the Feast of Tabernacles in chapter 7 and the journey is recorded by the Synoptic writers in great detail, giving us an account of the very number of days in this period.

Not only this but we see that the very next day after the feeding of the five thousand, the Pharisees come down from Jerusalem to interrogate Yeshua which they would not have done if Passover was truly “at hand”, since the commandment is clear that all males must attend the Feasts of YHVH at Jerusalem three times a year and Passover is the first one.

Some Bible commentaries have noticed that Yeshua did not go up to Jerusalem for ‘the Feast’ and have made statements like this from the “Spirit Filled Life Bible” - Footnote on John 6 v 4 - “John's second reference to the Feast of Passover, likely a year after

*the one mentioned in 2:13, DOES NOT REQUIRE JESUS TO GO TO JERUSALEM*". This is absolutely contradictory to the commandment as written in Exodus 23 v 14 and Deuteronomy 16 v 16.

Without this additional fake Passover it is easy to harmonise all four Gospel accounts and to "Behold the Lamb of God" - Yeshua the Messiah our Passover!

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