

Who Jesus Is:

“I am the First and the Last, the Living One; I experienced death, and behold, I am alive forever and ever. Amen.” Revelation 1:17,18

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!” John 1:29

“I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will certainly not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. I Timothy 2:5

. . . Christ, in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden. Colossians 2:2-3

“I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

. . . who committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth; who did not return the insult when insulted, nor threaten even while suffering, but committed Himself to the Righteous Judge. I Peter 2:22

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto Me.” Matthew 28:18.

essence - (es'ens) n 1. The properties of a thing that make it what it is: fundamental nature. 2. The most important element. 3. A concentrate of a substance. 4. A perfume.

These New Testament Scriptures have been chosen because they comprise the essence of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, as well as a full declaration of the inseparable love and irrevocable salvation that every believer can be assured of through faith in Him.

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³⁵The following day John stood again with two of his disciples.³⁶Watching Jesus walking up he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”³⁸Hearing him speak, the two disciples followed Jesus.³⁸Turning around and seeing them following Him, Jesus said to them, “What are you seeking?” They said, “Rabbi (meaning Teacher), Where are you staying?”³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying and stayed with Him that day. It was about ten in the morning.

⁴⁰Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, one of the two who heard John and followed Him,⁴¹found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (meaning Christ),⁴²and led him to Jesus. Looking at him Jesus said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah; you shall be called Cephas (meaning Peter).”

⁴³The next day, wanting to go to Galilee, He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.”⁴⁴Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.⁴⁵Philip then found Nathaniel and said to him, “We have found the One written about by Moses in the Law and by the Prophets: Jesus, the son of Joseph, the One from Nazareth.”⁴⁶Nathaniel said to him, “Is it possible for anything good to come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”⁴⁷Jesus, seeing Nathaniel coming toward Him, said of him, “Behold, truly, an Israelite in whom is no deceit!”⁴⁸Nathaniel said to Him, “From where do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”⁴⁹Nathaniel said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel!”⁵¹Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? Greater things than these will you see.” And He said to him,⁵²Very certainly I say to you, the day is coming when you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

2 ¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there.²Jesus and His disciples were invited.³When they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no more wine.”⁴Jesus said to her, “What is that between you and me? My hour is not yet come.”⁵His mother told the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do.”⁶There were six stone water jars lying there according to the Jewish purification rites, each holding two or three measures.⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water,” so they filled them to the top.⁸He then said to them, “Draw some out and give it to the head steward,” so they brought it to him. ⁹When he tasted it, the water had become wine. He did not know where it came from even though the servants knew. Calling the bridegroom,¹⁰he said to him, “Everyone else sets out the good wine first, and when they have drunk, then the inferior, but you have kept the good wine until last.”¹¹This was the beginning of the signs that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, revealing His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

¹²After this He went down to Capernaum, He and his mother, brothers, and disciples. And they stayed there for a few days.¹³As the Passover of the Jews was nearing, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.¹⁴There He found people selling oxen, sheep, and doves, together with money changers sitting there.¹⁵Making a whip out of cords He drove them all out of the temple, the sheep, oxen, and money changers. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables.¹⁶To those selling doves He said, “Take these out of here; do not make my Father’s house a marketplace!”¹⁷Then His disciples remembered that it had been written, “The zeal for Your house will consume Me.”¹⁸The Jews responded, saying to Him, “What sign will You show us since You do these things?”¹⁹Jesus answered, “Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it.”²⁰The Jews said, “For forty-six years this temple has been under construction and You will raise it in three days?”²¹But He was speaking about the temple of His body.²²When He was raised from the dead His disciples remembered that He said this and believed the Scripture and the words which Jesus spoke.

Witness

. . . always be prepared with a defense for anyone who asks you about the reason for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect. I Peter 3:15

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

Fellowship

But to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the good of all . . . For just as the body is one and has many parts, so also is Christ, whose parts are all one body even though being many. I Corinthians 12:7,12.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to assemble together, as is the custom for some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24

Generosity

“Give and it will be given to you—good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over they will pour into your lap. For with the same type of measure you use, it will be measured to you in return.” Luke 6:38

Now this I say, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one should give as he decides in his heart, not reluctantly or coerced, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:6,7

New Life in Christ

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. II Corinthians 5:17

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Results of Unbelief

When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in a blaze of fire with His mighty angels He will inflict retribution on those who do not know God and on those who disobey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. They will pay the penalty of everlasting ruin, shut out from the presence of the Lord and from His glorious power. . . II Thessalonians 1:8-10

. . . because they did not accept the love of the truth in order that they might be saved . . . God will send among them an overpowering delusion to believe a lie, so that all who have not believed the truth but have taken pleasure in wickedness may be judged. II Thessalonians 2:10-12

Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hands.³⁶He who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who disobeys the Son will not see life, for the wrath of God remains upon him.”

4 ¹Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John²(although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were),³He left Judea and went away into Galilee.⁴It was necessary for Him to go through Samaria.⁵He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land which Jacob gave to his son Joseph.⁶The well of Jacob was there, so Jesus, having become tired from the journey, was sitting by the well. It was about six in the evening.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”⁸His disciples had gone into the city to buy food.⁹The Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who the One saying to you, ‘Give me a drink’ is, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.”¹¹The woman said to Him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep, how will You get this living water?¹²Surely you are not greater than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it, as well his sons and livestock?”¹³Jesus answered her, “Everyone who drinks this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give him will certainly never thirst again,¹⁴but the water I give him will become a fountain of water within him springing up into eternal life.”¹⁵The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water so that I will not get thirsty or have to come here to draw.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband here.”¹⁷The woman answered, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus said to her, “Well you say, ‘I do not have a husband,’¹⁸for you have had five husbands and the one you have now is not your husband. You have told the truth.”¹⁹The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain but you say that Jerusalem in the proper place to worship.”²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, a time is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know because salvation is of the Jews.²³That coming time is now, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth; yes, for the Father is seeking such ones to worship Him.²⁴For God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.” The woman said to Him.²⁵“I know the Messiah is coming,” (called Christ). “When He comes He will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am He, who speaks to you.”

²⁷At this point the disciples came back and wondered why He was speaking to a woman; however, no one said, “Who do you seek?” or “Why are you speaking to her?”²⁸The woman then left the water jar and went into the city and said to the men there,²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have done; is this not the Christ?”³⁰They left the city and were approaching ³¹as His disciples entreated Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”³²But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.”³³Because of this the disciples were saying to one another, “No one has brought Him something to eat, have they?”³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the One who sent Me and finish His work.³⁵Why say, ‘There are still four more months before harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, ‘Lift up your eyes and see the fields, that they are already white for harvest.’³⁶And the one who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the one sowing and the one reaping may rejoice together.³⁷For the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸I sent you to reap for that which you have not labored; others have labored and you are harvesting their work.”

³⁹And so many of the Samaritans from that city believed in Him because the woman testified, “He told me everything I have done.”⁴⁰When the Samaritans came to Him

Another book was opened, the Book of Life, and the dead were judged according to their works written in the books . . . And whoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:12, 15

Defeating the Adversary

Put on the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the clever schemes of the devil, because our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers and authorities, against the world powers of this age of darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:11,12

You are of God, little children, and you have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. I John 4:4

Jesus Is Coming Again

“And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory. And He will send out His angels with the sound of a great trumpet, and they will gather His chosen from the four winds, from one end of heaven to another.” Matthew 24:30,31

For with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God, the Lord Himself will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ Jesus will rise first. Then we, who are living, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we shall always be with the Lord. I Thessalonians 4:16-18

The Resurrection

“I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me, even though he may die, he will live. And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.” John 11:25,26

We shall not all die, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. I Corinthians 15:51,52

Following Christ

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in Him will bear much fruit, because apart from Me you are able to do nothing.” John 15:5

And He died for all so that they who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and arose again. II Corinthians 5:14

The Gift of Righteousness

He is righteous and he declares as righteous whoever has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:26

For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” Now to him who works, his wages are not accounted as a gift, but as a debt. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted as righteousness. Romans 4:3-5

Son,²³ so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

²⁴“Very certainly I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes in the One who sent Me has eternal life. They will not come into judgment, but have passed out of death into life.²⁵Very certainly I say to you, the hour is coming, and is here now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.²⁶Just as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave the Son life to have in Himself,²⁷and has also given Him the authority to judge because He is the Son of Man.²⁸Do not be amazed at this because the hour is coming when those in their graves will hear His voice²⁹and will come out, those who did good things to the resurrection of life, and those who did evil to the resurrection of condemnation.³⁰I do nothing of Myself. Just as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is right, because I do not seek My will, but the Father’s who sent Me.

³¹“If I testify about Myself, My testimony is invalid,³²but another testifies about Me, and I know that His testimony about Me is true.³³You have inquired of John and he has testified to the truth.³⁴I did not receive this testimony from men, but I say these things to you so that you may be saved.³⁵He was a burning, shining lamp, and you wanted to rejoice for a time in his light.³⁶But I have a testimony greater than that of John, for the works which the Father gave Me to finish, these works themselves testify about Me that the Father has sent Me.³⁷And He who sent Me, the Father Himself, has also testified about Me. You have neither heard His voice or ever seen His form,³⁸nor do you have His Word living in you, because you do not believe Him whom He has sent.

³⁹“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life and it is they that bear witness to Me,⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to Me in order that you might have life.⁴¹I do not receive glory from men.⁴²But I have come to know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.⁴³I have come in My Father’s name and you do not receive Me. If another comes in his own name you will receive him.⁴⁴How can you believe if you receive glory from one another and do not seek glory from the only God?⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you hope.⁴⁶If you believed Moses you would believe Me because he wrote about Me, but if you do not believe his writings, how can you believe My words?”

6 ¹After this Jesus went away beyond the Sea of Galilee to Tiberius.²A large crowd was following Him because they saw the signs He was doing for those who were sick.³Jesus went up to the mountain and there He sat down with His disciples.⁴It was now near the Passover, the feast of the Jews.⁵Raising His eyes, Jesus saw that a large crowd was coming to Him, and He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread so these people can eat?”⁶(He said this to test Philip, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do).⁷Philip answered Him, “Two hundred dollars worth of bread is not enough for them, so each would receive even a small piece.”⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to Him,⁹“There is a little boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two small fish, but what are these for so many?”¹⁰Jesus said, “Have them sit down.” There was a lot of grass there, so about five thousand of them sat down.¹¹Jesus then took the loaves of bread and having given thanks He distributed them to His disciples, who gave them to those who were sitting, and the fish also, as much as they desired.¹²When they were full, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the leftover pieces so that nothing will be wasted.”¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five loaves of barley bread left over from those who had eaten.

¹⁴After seeing these signs which Jesus did, the people said, “Truly this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”¹⁵Jesus, knowing that they intended to seize Him to make Him king, withdrew into the mountains by Himself alone.¹⁶When evening came His disciples went down to the sea,¹⁷got into a boat, and were going across to Capernaum.

Selected New Testament Verses

These verses of Scripture have been chosen from the New Testament to help those who desire to know Jesus Christ personally and begin a new life of hope through faith in Him. Knowing these Scriptures will help the believer to establish their lives on the unshakable foundation of God’s Word.

“Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.” Jesus Christ—Matthew 24:35

God Loves You

But God proves His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8.

The love of God is shown for us by this: that God sent His only begotten Son into the world in order that through Him we might live. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the sacrifice for our sins. I John 4:9,10

Faith and Works

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves, but is the gift of God—not because of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared for mankind, not because of righteous works that we have done, but according to His mercy, He saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:4

The Wages of Sin

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

“The Son of Man will send forth His angels and they will collect out of His kingdom all that is offensive and those who practice lawlessness and will throw them into the fiery furnace.” Matthew 13: 41,42

Christ Died for Our Sins

For Christ also suffered once for sins on your behalf, the just on behalf of the unjust, so that He might bring us to God. I Peter 3:18

He Himself is an atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the whole world’s. I John 2:2

and drinks My blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day,⁵⁵for My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.⁵⁶Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him.⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so too the one who partakes of Me will live because of Me.⁵⁸This is the bread which came down out of heaven, unlike the manna your fathers ate and died. Whoever eats this bread will live throughout the ages.”⁵⁹These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰Many of His disciples who heard this said, “These are hard words, who is able to listen to them?”⁶¹Because Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples were complaining about this, He said to them, “Does this upset you?⁶²What if you should see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh benefits nothing. The words that I speak to you are Spirit and Life.⁶⁴There are some among you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who would disbelieve and who would betray Him.⁶⁵And He said, “Because of this I have said to you that no one is able to come to Me unless it is granted him by my Father.”

⁶⁶From that time on many of His disciples turned back and would no longer walk with Him.⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you wish to go away as well?”⁶⁸Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life;⁶⁹and we have come to know and believe that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”⁷⁰He answered him, “Have I not chosen you twelve, yet one of you is a devil?”⁷¹Here He was speaking of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Even though he was one of the twelve, he was intending to hand Him over.

⁷ ¹After this Jesus traveled in Galilee. He did not wish to go through Judea because the Jews there were seeking to kill Him.²It was near the time of the Jewish feast of Tabernacles.³His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples may also see the works which You are doing,⁴for no one who wants to be well known does anything in secret. Since You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world.”⁵For not even His brothers believed in Him.⁶Therefore Jesus said to them, “My time is not yet come, but your time is always ready.⁷The world is unable to hate you, but it hates Me because I testify about it, that it’s works are evil.⁸Go up to the feast yourselves. I am not going up to the feast yet because My time has not been fulfilled.”⁹Having said this to them He remained in Galilee.¹⁰After his brothers went up then He also went up to the feast—not openly, but privately.

¹¹The Jews were looking for Him at the feast, saying, “Where is that man?”¹²And there was much discussion about Him among the crowds, some saying, “He is a good man.” Others were saying, “No, but He deceives the people.”¹³No one, however, spoke openly about Him because of the fear of the Jews.

¹⁴In the middle of the feast Jesus went into the temple and began to teach.¹⁵The Jews were amazed, saying, “How does this man know the writings without an education?”¹⁶Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not Mine but the One’s who sent Me.¹⁷If anyone desires to do His will, he will know about this teaching, whether it is from God or whether I speak from Myself.¹⁸The one who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but the One who seeks the glory of Him who sent Him is true, and in Him there is no unrighteousness.¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you seeking to kill Me?”²⁰The crowd answered Him, “You must have a demon; who is seeking to kill you?”

²¹Jesus answered them, “I did a single work and you all marvel.²²Because Moses gave you circumcision (not from Moses, really, but from the fathers) you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.²³If a man is circumcised on the Sabbath so the law of Moses is not broken,

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.⁷So do not be participants with them,⁸for you were once darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth—¹⁰finding out what is pleasing to the Lord.¹¹And do not take part in the fruitless works of darkness, but rather expose them,¹²for it is shameful to even mention what they do in secret.¹³But all things that are exposed by the light are revealed, for it is light that makes everything visible.¹⁴Therefore He says, “Wake up, you sleeping ones, arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you.”

¹⁵Watch, therefore, that you walk carefully, not as the unwise, but as the wise,¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what is the will of the Lord.¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless indulgence, but be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melodious praise in your hearts to the Lord.²⁰Always give thanks about all things to our God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.²¹Submit yourselves to one another out of respect for God.

²²Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands as to the Lord,²³because the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is also the head of the Church; He is the Savior of the body.²⁴But just as the Church is subjected to Christ, so too must wives be to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your own wives just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself on her behalf,²⁶in order that He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of water through the Word.²⁷That He might present her to Himself as the glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle of any kind, that she would be holy and blameless.²⁸So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself,²⁹for no one ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as also the Lord does the Church.³⁰For we are members of His body.³¹“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh.”³²This is a great mystery, but I am referring to Christ and the Church.³³However, let each one of you also love his wife as himself, and the wife should respect her husband.

⁶ ¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.²Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise.³“That it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.”⁴And fathers, do not provoke your children’s anger, but nourish them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

⁵Slaves, obey your mortal masters with reverence and awe, in a sincere heart as to Christ,⁶not with eyeservice as pleasers of men, but as slaves of Christ,⁷doing the will of God from the heart—serving with goodwill as to the Lord and not to men,⁸knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will be rewarded by the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.⁹And masters, do the same to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master is also in heaven and there is no partiality with Him.

¹⁰Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the clever schemes of the devil.¹²Because our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers and authorities, against the world powers of this age of darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.¹³So take up the full armor of God so that you may be able to withstand the day of evil, and having achieved all, to stand.

heard this began to leave one by one, beginning from the oldest to the youngest.¹⁰ Standing up, Jesus saw that only He and the woman remained, and He said, “Woman, where are your accusers; does no one condemn you?”¹¹ And she said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on sin no more.”

¹² Then Jesus came to them again and said, “I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will certainly not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”¹³ The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; that invalidates Your testimony.”¹⁴ Jesus answered, “Even if I testify about Myself, my testimony is true because I know from where I came and to where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I do not judge anyone.¹⁶ But even if I were to judge, My judgment is true because I am not alone, for I am with the Father who sent Me.¹⁷ It is written in your law that the testimony of two men is valid.¹⁸ I testify about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me as well.”

¹⁹ They said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me you would know My Father as well.”²⁰ Jesus spoke these sayings in the treasury while teaching in the temple, and no one seized Him because His hour had not yet come.

²¹ Then Jesus again said to them, “I am going away and you will seek Me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you are not able to come.”²² So the Jews said, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going you are not able to come?’”²³ And He said to them, “You are from below, I am from above. You are from this world. I am not from this world.²⁴ 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.”

²⁵ They then said to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “Exactly what I have been telling you from the beginning.²⁶ I have many things to say and judge about you, but He who sent Me is true, and what I heard from Him is what I tell the world.”

²⁷ They did not know that He was speaking to them about the Father,²⁸ so Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He and do nothing from Myself, but speak just as My Father has taught Me.²⁹ And the One who sent Me is with Me. He has not left Me alone because I always do what is pleasing to Him.”

³⁰ As He said these things many believed in Him.³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who believed in Him, “If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples;³² and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.”³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s offspring, and have never been slaves to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will become free?’”³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very certainly I say to you, anyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house throughout the ages but the Son remains throughout the ages.³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will truly be free.

³⁷ “I know that you are Abraham’s offspring but you seek to kill Me because My word finds no place in you.³⁸ What I have seen from My Father I speak of, and you, what you have seen from your father, you do.”³⁹ They answered Him, “Our father is Abraham.” Jesus said to them, “If you were children of Abraham you would do the works of Abraham.⁴⁰ But instead you seek to kill Me, a Man who has spoken to you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.⁴¹ You are doing the deeds of your father.”

Then they said to Him, “We have not been born illegitimately. We have one Father—God.”⁴² So Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father you would love Me because I have come from and am here from God. I have not come of Myself, but He has sent Me.⁴³ Why do you not understand what I am saying to you? Because you cannot bear to listen to Me.⁴⁴ The father you are from is the devil and you wish to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and he has not stood in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature because he

heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages He might show the extraordinary riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves, but is the gift of God—⁹ not because of works, lest anyone should boast.¹⁰ For we are His craftsmanship, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God prepared beforehand, so that we would walk in them.

¹¹ Remember therefore, that you were once Gentiles in the flesh, considered uncircumcised by the circumcision that is made in the body by human hands.¹² At that time you were separated from Christ, estranged from Israel’s citizenship, strangers to the covenants of promise—in the world, Godless and without hope.¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.¹⁴ For He is our peace, who made us both one and destroyed the dividing wall that separated us,¹⁵ sending the hostility through His flesh, having abolished the ordinances of the commandments of the law,¹⁶ so that from the two He might create in Himself one new man, thus making peace, that He might reconcile them both in one body to God by the cross, putting to death the hostility Himself.

¹⁷ And when He came, He preached peace to you who were far away, and to those who were near,¹⁸ because through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household that is built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets—²⁰ the chief cornerstone who is Christ Jesus Himself,²¹ in whom the whole building is joined together as it grows into a temple that is holy to the Lord,²² in whom also you are being built up together as a dwelling for God’s Spirit.

3 ¹ Because of this, I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles,² if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God that was given to me for you:³ show by revelation He has made known to me this mystery, just as I wrote briefly before;⁴ which upon reading, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy Apostles and Prophets.⁶ That is, the Gentiles are to be fellow heirs of the same body and participants of His promise through Christ by means of the Gospel,⁷ of which I became a minister by the free gift of the grace of God that was given to me according to the working of His power.

⁸ To me, the least of all saints, was given this grace to preach among the Gentiles the incomprehensible riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light the stewardship of this mystery, which has been hidden throughout the ages by God, who created all things through Jesus Christ.¹⁰ So now, the many-sided wisdom of God may be revealed through the Church to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.¹¹ This is in accord with the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² by whom we have the confidence of bold access through faith in Him.¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart at my affliction on your behalf, which is your glory.

¹⁴ Because of this I bend my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by His Spirit in the inner self,¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may you be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to abundantly exceed anything we ask or think of according to the power at work within us,²¹ be glory in the church through Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

24 Therefore they called the man who was born blind a second time and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this Man is a sinner."²⁵ He answered them, "Whether He is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind but now I see."²⁶ And they said to him again, "What did He do to you. How did He open your eyes?"²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become His disciples also?"²⁸ They denounced him saying, "You are a disciple of that man but we are disciples of Moses."²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but this person, we do not know where He comes from."³⁰ The man answered them, "This is remarkable that you do not know where He comes from, yet He opened my eyes."³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears them.³² Throughout the ages no one has ever heard of anyone opening the eyes of someone who was born blind.³³ If this Man were not from God, He would be able to do nothing."³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were born completely in sins, and you teach us?" And they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out and finding him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"³⁶ He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"³⁷ Jesus said to him, "That One is He whom you have seen and is also speaking to you."³⁸ And he said, "I believe, Lord!" And he worshiped Him.

³⁹ And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see, may see, and those who see may become blind."⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard this and asked Him, "We are not blind as well, are we?"⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind you would not have sinned; but now, since you say, 'we see,' your sin remains."

10 ¹ "Very certainly I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in another way is a thief and a robber.² He who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep.³ The doorkeeper opens to him, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴ And whenever he brings out his own sheep, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.⁵ They will certainly not follow a stranger but will run from him because they do not know a stranger's voice."

⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them but they did not know what He was talking about.⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very certainly I say to you that I am the door of the sheep.⁸ All who came before were thieves and robbers but the sheep did not listen to them.⁹ I am the door; if anyone enters through Me they will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, so he leaves the sheep and runs away when he see the wolf coming, allowing the wolf to catch the sheep and scatter them.¹³ The hired hand runs away because he is a just hired hand and does not really care about the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know My own and My own know Me.¹⁵ Just as the Father knows Me, I also know the Father, and I lay down My life for the sheep.¹⁶ I have other sheep which are not of this fold that I must gather as well. And they too will hear My voice, so that there will be one flock with one shepherd.

¹⁷ "This is why the Father loves Me: because I lay down My life so I can raise it up again.¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down Myself. I have the power to lay it down and the power to raise it up. This command I received from My Father."

¹⁹ So again a division took place among the Jews over these words.²⁰ Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is raving mad. Why do you listen to Him?"

²⁰ But turning around Peter saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, the one who also leaned on His chest at the supper and asked, "Lord, who is the one who will betray You?"²¹ Seeing him, Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, but what about him?"²² Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."²³ So the word went out among the brothers that the disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die but, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies about these things, having written them, and we know that his testimony is true.²⁵ There are also many other things that Jesus did, which if every one were written down, I suppose not even the world itself would have room for the books that would be written. Amen.

²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even though he may die, he will live.²⁶And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

²⁸And after she had said this, she went out and called her sister, Mary, privately, saying, “The Teacher is here and is calling you.”²⁹When she heard this she jumped up and came to Him.³⁰Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still where Martha had met Him.³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw that Mary jumped up and went out, they followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”

³²Then Mary, when she came to Jesus, seeing Him, fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord if you were here my brother would not have died.”³³So Jesus, when He saw her weeping and the Jews accompanying her weeping, was troubled and deeply moved.³⁴And He said, “Where have you put him?” They said, “Come and see.”

³⁵Jesus wept.³⁶Therefore the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”³⁷But some of them said, “Could not this One who opened the eyes of the blind, do something so this man would not have died?”

³⁸Jesus again felt deeply moved within Himself as He came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone lying over it.³⁹Jesus said, “Take the stone away.” Martha, the sister of the one who died, said, “Lord, it is the fourth day already; there will be an odor.”⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”⁴¹They then took away the stone from where the one who died was lying. And Jesus lifted His eyes upward and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.⁴²And I knew that You always hear Me, but because of those standing here I have said this, so that they may believe that You sent Me.”⁴³And after saying this He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴And the one who died came out, having been bound hand and feet with grave clothes, with a cloth wrapped around his face. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary saw what He did and believed in Him.⁴⁶But some of them went back to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus did.⁴⁷So the chief priests and Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What are we going to do about this? This man does so many signs that if we let Him go on like this, everyone will believe in Him.⁴⁸Then the Romans will come and take away both our nation and place of worship.”⁴⁹And one of them, Caiaphas, the high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing.⁵⁰You never even considered that it is better for one man to die on behalf of the people, rather than the whole nation should perish.”⁵¹He did not say this from himself, but because he was the high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die,⁵²not just for the nation, but for all the scattered children of God, to gather them into one family.⁵³From that day on they made plans to kill Him.

⁵⁴Because of this, Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews. He left for a country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and stayed there with His disciples.⁵⁵It was near the time of the Jewish Passover. Many came up to Jerusalem from the countryside to purify themselves before the Passover.⁵⁶As they stood around in the temple talking to one another they looked for Jesus, asking, “What do you think? He surely would not come to the feast would He?”⁵⁷Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees gave an order that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it so they could seize Him.

12 ¹Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, went to Bethany where Lazarus was, the one who died and He raised from the dead. ²There they made Him a dinner. Martha was serving, with Lazarus among those sitting and eating with Him. ³Mary took a

²⁸ After this Jesus saw that everything had been completed, and to fulfill the Scripture, He said, “I thirst.”²⁹A jar was sitting there full of vinegar, so they filled a sponge with vinegar, put it on hyssop branch, and brought it to His mouth.³⁰When Jesus received the vinegar, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He surrendered His Spirit.

³¹Therefore the Jews, so that the bodies should not remain on the Sabbath, being the Preparation day (for it was a high day of that Sabbath), asked Pilate that their legs be broken, and they be taken away.³³The soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and then the other who had been crucified with Him.³³But upon coming to Jesus, they saw that He had already died so they did not break His legs.³⁴But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and immediately blood and water came out.³⁵The one who witnessed this has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows what he says is the truth so that you may believe.³⁶For this happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “Not a bone of His shall be broken.”³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸After this Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus, but secretly out of fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave permission. So he came and took away the body of Jesus.³⁹Nicodemus, who first had come to Jesus by night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and about a hundred pounds of aloes.⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen strips with the spices, as was the burial custom of the Jews.

⁴¹Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been buried.⁴²Because it was the Jewish Preparation day, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

20 ¹On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away.²She ran to Simon Peter, and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.⁴As the two were running together, the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.⁵And stooping to look, he saw the linen strips lying there; however, he did not go in.⁶Then Simon Peter, following him, entered into the tomb and saw the linen strips,⁷and also the facecloth which had been on His head—not lying with the linen strips, but separate from them, rolled up in one place.⁸The other disciple, who had come to the tomb first, then went in as well, and he saw and believed.⁹For they did not yet understand from the Scripture that it was necessary for Him to rise again from the dead.¹⁰The disciples then went back to their home.

¹¹But Mary stood outside, weeping in front of the tomb. As she was weeping, she stooped to look into the tomb¹²and saw two angels in white, sitting one at the head and one at the foot, where the body of Jesus had been.¹³And they said to her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She answered them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have put Him.”

¹⁴As she said this she turned and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize who He was.¹⁵Jesus asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Whom do you seek?” Supposing that He was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will take Him.”¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” Turning around, she cried out, “Rabboni!” (which means Great Teacher).

¹⁷Jesus then told her, “Do not hold Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father, but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and to your God.’”¹⁸Then Mary Magdalene went to the disciples and announced, “I have seen the Lord, and this is what He said to me!”

¹⁹In the evening on the first day of the week, the disciples were assembled behind closed doors because of the fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to

“Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”³⁹ They were unable to believe because as Isaiah the prophet again said,⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes, and He has hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”⁴¹ Isaiah said these things when he saw His glory and spoke about Him.

⁴²All the same, however, even many of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not admit it, so they would not be expelled from the synagogue.

⁴³They loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

⁴⁴Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in Me does not believe in Me but in the One who sent Me.⁴⁵ And whoever sees Me, sees the One who sent Me.⁴⁶ I have come as a light into the world so that everyone who believes in Me should not live in darkness.⁴⁷ 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.⁴⁸ Whoever rejects Me and does not receive My teachings has this as his judge: My spoken words, they will judge him on the last day.⁴⁹ Because I did not speak from Myself, but the Father who sent Me has given Me commands about what to say and what to speak of.⁵⁰ And I know that His command is eternal life. Therefore, whatever the Father has told Me to say, I say.”

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover Jesus knew that His hour had come and He would depart from this world to His Father, having loved His own who were in the world; to the end He loved them.² And after supper—the devil having already having put into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to hand Him over—³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He came from God and He was going to God,⁴ rose from the supper, laid aside His garments, took a towel, and tied it around Himself.⁵ Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciple’s feet and dry them with the towel with which He was wrapped.⁶ When He came to Simon Peter, Peter said to Him, “Lord, you are washing my feet?”⁷ Jesus answered him, “You do not realize what I am doing to you now, but later you will understand.” Peter said to Him,⁸ “You shall never wash my feet, ever!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head!”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has been bathed does not need to be washed except for his feet, but is completely clean, and clean you are, but not all of you.”¹¹ For He knew who would hand Him over, so He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²So when He had washed their feet, taken His clothes, and sat back down, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and well you say, for so I am.¹⁴ Therefore, if I, your Teacher and Lord, wash your feet, you should also wash one another’s feet.¹⁵ For I gave you an example, so that just as I have done, you should do also.¹⁶ Very certainly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.¹⁸ I do not speak about all of you. I know those whom I have chosen, but that the Scripture might be fulfilled: ‘The one eating bread with Me, lifted up his heel against Me.’¹⁹ From now on I tell you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe that I am He.²⁰ Very certainly I say to you, the one who receives whom I send, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives the One who sent Me.”

²¹When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in His spirit, and testified, saying, “Very certainly I say to you, that one of you will hand me over.”²² The disciples looked at one another, but were at a loss about whom He was speaking. ²³Now one of His disciples was leaning against Him, the one whom Jesus loved.²⁴ Simon Peter nodded to him to find out who He was talking about.²⁵ And so falling back against His chest, he asked Him, “Who is it, Lord?”²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one for whom I will dip a piece

Standing among them was Judas, who was handing Him over.⁶ When He said to them, “I am He,” they fell backward to the ground.⁷ So He asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.”⁸ Jesus answered. “I told you that I am He, so if I am the One you are seeking, let these men go.”⁹ He said this so the word might be fulfilled: “Of those whom you have given Me, I have lost not one.”¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. And the slave’s name was Malchus.¹¹ Therefore Jesus said to Peter. “Put your sword into your sheath! The cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not certainly drink it?”

¹²Then the detachment of soldiers, their captain, and the attendants of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.¹³ They led Him away to Annas first, because he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year.¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who advised the Jews that it was necessary for one man to perish on behalf of the people.

¹⁵Following Jesus was Simon Peter, as was the other disciple. That disciple was known to the high priest and entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the the high priest.¹⁶ Peter was standing at the door outside, so the other disciple who was known by the high priest spoke to the girl who kept the door and brought in Peter.¹⁷ Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not one of the disciples of this man also, are you?” He said, “I am not.”¹⁸ The slaves and attendants who were standing there had made a coal fire because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was standing there with them, warming himself.

¹⁹Then the high priest asked Jesus about His disciples and about His teachings.²⁰ Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple where the Jews always came together, and spoke nothing in secret.²¹ Why ask Me? Ask those who heard what I spoke to them. Look, these people know what I said.”

²²After He had said this, one of the attendants standing by slapped Jesus, saying, “Is this the way you answer the high priest?”²³ Jesus answered him, “If I spoke wrongly, testify about what was wrong, but if correct, then why do you hit Me?”²⁴ Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Therefore they said to him, “Are you not one of His disciples?” He denied it saying, “I am not.²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?”²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and immediately a rooster crowed.

²⁸Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early morning. They themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they might not be defiled but be still able to eat the Passover.²⁹ Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?”³⁰ They answered him, “If this man were not an criminal, we would not have handed Him over.”³¹ Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and judge Him according to your law.” So the Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to kill anyone,”³² so that the words of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He said, signifying by what sort of death He was about to die.

³³Then Pilate entered into the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, “You are the King of the Jews?”³⁴ Jesus answered him, “Do you say this from yourself, or did others tell you about Me?”³⁵ Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your nation and your chief priests have handed You over to me. What have You done?”³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as of now, My kingdom is not from here.”³⁷ Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So then You are a king?” Jesus answered, “As you say, I am a king. For this reason I have been born, and for this reason I have come into

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, what has happened that You are going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?"²³ Jesus answered him and said, "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.²⁴ Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words, and the word you hear is not Mine, but is the Father's who sent Me.

²⁵"I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you;²⁶ but the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and will enable you to remember everything I have said to you.

²⁷"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

²⁸"You heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved Me you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' because My Father is greater than I.²⁹ And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.

³⁰"I will no longer talk about all these things with you because the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.³¹ But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do just as the Father has commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.

15 ¹"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.² Every branch in Me which does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every one that bears fruit, He prunes, so that it will bear more fruit.³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch is not able to bear fruit from itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, if you do not abide in Me.⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, will bear much fruit, because apart from Me you are able to do nothing.⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown out like a branch that is dried up, and they gather them and throw them into the fire and they are burned.⁷ If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will happen for you.⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; and you will become My disciples.

⁹"Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept the commandments of My Father and abide in His love.¹¹ I have spoken these things to you so that My joy may abide in you and your joy may be made full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.¹³ Greater love has no man than this: than to lay down his life for his friends.¹⁴ You are My friends if you do everything I command you.¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, because the slave does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, because everything which I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go out and bear fruit, and your fruit should remain, so that whatever you may ask the Father in My name, He may give you.¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another.

¹⁸"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before you.¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. The world hates you because you are not of the world and because I chose you out of the world.²⁰ Remember the word which I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.²¹ They will do all these things to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

²³"The one who hates Me, hates My Father as well.²⁴ If I had not done the works among them which no one else has done, they would not have sin, but now they have both

seen and have hated Me and My Father.²⁵ But this was so that the word might be fulfilled which was written in their law: 'They hated Me without cause.'

²⁶"But when the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me.²⁷ But you will testify about Me as well, because you were with Me from the beginning.

16 ¹"I have spoken these things to you so that you will not be caused to stumble.² They will expel you from the synagogue, and the hour is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God.³ And they will do these things because they do not know the Father nor Me. ⁴ But I have spoken these things to you, so that when that hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

"I did not say this to you from the beginning because I was still with you;⁵ but now I am going to Him who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, 'Where are you going?'⁶ Your heart is filled with sorrow because I have said these things to you,⁷ but I am telling you the truth. It is to your benefit that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.⁸ And when He comes, He will convict the world about sin, and about righteousness, and about judgment.⁹ About sin, because they do not believe in Me;¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to My Father and you will no longer see Me;¹¹ and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them now.¹³ But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak from Himself, but whatever He hears He will say; and He will proclaim to you what is to come.¹⁴ He will glorify Me, because whatever is of Me, He will take and proclaim it to you.¹⁵ Everything the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that whatever is of Me, He will take and proclaim it to you.

¹⁶"A little while and you do not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me, because I am going to the Father."¹⁷ Then some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this which He says to us, 'A little while and you do not see Me and again a little while and you will see Me,' and, 'I am going to the Father?'"¹⁸ So they said, "What is this which He says, 'A little while?' We do not understand what He is saying."

¹⁹ Jesus knew what they wanted to ask Him, and so He said to them, "Are you questioning one another about Me, saying, 'A little while and you do not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me?'"²⁰ Very certainly I say to you, that you will cry and you will moan, but the world will rejoice; you will be grieved, but your sorrow will become joy.²¹ The woman cries when she gives birth because her hour has come, but when the child is born, she no longer remembers the pain because of the joy that a person has been born into the world.²² So you also have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.²³ And in that day you will not question Me about anything.

"Very certainly I say to you, that everything you ask the Father in My name He will give you.²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be fulfilled.

²⁵"I have spoken to you about these things in figures of speech, but the hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but I will tell you openly about the Father.²⁶ At that time you will ask in My name; and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father for you,²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me, and you have believed that I came forth from God.²⁸ Indeed, I came from the Father and have come into the world, and again, I am leaving the world and I am going to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said to Him, "See, You are speaking openly now and You are not using figures of speech.³⁰ We realize now that You know everything and You do not need to be questioned by anyone."³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"³² See, an hour