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How is it that you sought me? did you not know, that I must be about my Father's business?

SUFFER it to be so now : for so it becometh us to fulfil all justice.

It is written, 'Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.' . . . It is written again, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.' . . . Begone, Satan ; for it is written, 'The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and him only shalt thou serve.'

WHAT seek you? . . . Come and see.

THOU art Simon the son of Jona : Thou shalt be called Cephas, which is interpreted Peter.

FOLLOW me.

BEHOLD an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile. . . . Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee. . . . Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig-tree, thou believest : greater things than these shalt thou see. Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see the heaven opened, and the Angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

WOMAN, what is it to me and to thee ? my hour is not yet come. . . . Fill the water-pots with water. . . . Draw out now, and carry to the chief steward of the feast.

TAKE these things hence, and make not the house of my Father a house of traffic. . . . Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

AMEN, amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Amen, amen, I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and

the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. Wonder not that I said to thee, you must be born again. The Spirit breatheth where he will; and thou hearest his voice, but thou knowest not whence he cometh, nor whither he goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. . . . Art thou a master in Israel, and knowest not these things? Amen, amen, I say to thee, that we speak what we know, and we testify what we have seen, and you receive not our testimony. If I have spoken to you earthly things, and you believe not; how will you believe, if I shall speak to you heavenly things? And no man hath ascended into heaven, but he that descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God so loved the world, as to give his only-begotten Son; that whoso-

ever believeth in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God sent not his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world may be saved by him. He that believeth in him is not judged. But he that doth not believe is already judged : because he believeth not in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the judgment : because the light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the light : for their works were evil. For every one that doth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, that his works may not be re-proved. But he that doth truth, cometh to the light that his works may be made manifest, because they are done in God.

GIVE me to drink. . . . If thou didst know the gift of God, and who he is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou perhaps wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. . . . Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again ; but he that shall drink of the water

that I will give him, shall not thirst for ever : But the water that I will give him, shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up into life everlasting. . . . Go, call thy husband, and come hither. . . . Thou hast said well, I have no husband : for thou hast had five husbands : and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband. This thou hast said truly. . . . Woman, believe me, that the hour cometh, when you shall neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, adore the Father. You adore that which you know not : we adore that which we know ; for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true adorers shall adore the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeketh such to adore him. God is a spirit ; and they that adore him, must adore him in spirit and in truth. . . . I am he, who am speaking with thee.

I HAVE meat to eat, which you know not. . . . My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, that I may perfect his work.

Do not you say, There are yet four months, and then the harvest cometh? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and see the countries; for they are white already for the harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life everlasting; that both he that soweth, and he that reapeth, may rejoice together. For in this is the saying true: That it is one man that soweth, and it is another that reapeth. I have sent you to reap that in which you did not labour: others have laboured, and you have entered into their labours.

THE time is accomplished, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe the gospel.—Do penance, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

UNLESS you see signs and wonders, you believe not. . . . Go thy way; thy son liveth.

LAUNCH out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. . . . Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men.—Come

after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

HOLD thy peace, and go out of him.

To other cities also I must preach the kingdom of God : for therefore am I sent.—Let us go into the neighbouring towns and cities, that I may preach there also ; for to this purpose am I come.

THE foxes have holes, and the birds of the air nests ; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

FOLLOW me.—Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead.—Let the dead bury their dead : but go thou, and preach the kingdom of God. . . . No man putting his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

LET us go over to the other side of the lake. . . . Where is your faith ? . . . Why are you fearful, O ye of little faith ? . . . Peace, be still. . . . Why are you fearful ? have you not faith yet ?

Go out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

... What is thy name? ... Go into thy house to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had mercy on thee.

BE of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee. ... Why do you think evil in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the sick of the palsy: Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say: Arise, take up thy bed, and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, I say to thee: Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house.

FOLLOW me.

THEY that are in health need not a physician, but they that are sick. Go then and learn what this meaneth: 'I will have mercy and not sacrifice.' For I am not come to call the just, but sinners.

CAN you make the children of the bridegroom fast, whilst the bridegroom is with them?—As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom

shall be taken away from them ; and then they shall fast in those days. No man seweth a piece of raw cloth to an old garment ; otherwise the new piecing taketh away from the old, and there is made a greater rent. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles ; otherwise the wine will burst the bottles, and both the wine will be spilled, and the bottles will be lost. But new wine must be put into new bottles. And no man drinking old, hath presently a mind to new ; for he saith, The old is better.

WHO hath touched my garments? . . . Be of good heart, daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole.—Go in peace, and be thou whole of thy disease.

FEAR not ; believe only, and she shall be healed. . . . Weep not ; the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. . . . Talitha cumi ; damsel (I say to thee), arise.

Do you believe that I can do this unto you? . . . According to your faith, be it done unto you. . . . See that no man know this.

WILT thou be made whole? . . . Arise, take up thy bed, and walk. . . . Behold, thou art made whole : sin no more, lest some worse thing happen to thee.

MY Father worketh until now ; and I work. . . . Amen, amen, I say unto you, the Son cannot do any thing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing : for what things soever he doth, these the Son also doth in like manner. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all things which himself doth : and greater works than these will he show him, that you may wonder. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and giveth life : so the Son also giveth life to whom he will. For neither doth the Father judge any man, but hath given all judgment to the Son. That all men may honour the Son, as they honour the Father. He who honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father, who hath sent him. Amen, amen, I say unto you, that he who heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath life everlasting ; and

cometh not into judgment, but is passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say unto you, that the hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, so he hath given to the Son also to have life in himself: and he hath given him power to do judgment because he is the Son of man. Wonder not at this; for the hour cometh, wherein all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God. And they that have done good things shall come forth unto the resurrection of life; but they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment. I cannot of myself do any thing. As I hear, so I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of him that sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. You sent to John, and he gave testimony to the truth. But I receive not testimony from man: but

I say these things, that you may be saved. He was a burning and a shining light ; and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light. But I have a greater testimony than that of John : for the works which the Father hath given me to perfect ; the works themselves, which I do, give testimony of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself who hath sent me, hath given testimony of me : neither have you heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And you have not his word abiding in you : for whom he hath sent, him you believe not. Search the Scriptures, for you think in them to have life everlasting ; and the same are they that give testimony of me. And you will not come to me that you may have life. I receive not glory from men. But I know you, that you have not the love of God in you. I am come in the name of my Father, and you receive me not : if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive glory one from another : and the glory

which is from God alone, you do not seek? Think not that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one that accuseth you, Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would perhaps believe me also; for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?

HAVE you never read what David did when he had need, and was hungry himself, and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God, under Abiathar the high-priest, and did eat the loaves of proposition, which it was not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave to them who were with him? Or have ye not read in the law, that on the sabbath-days the priests in the temple break the sabbath, and are without blame? But I tell you, that there is here a greater than the temple. And if you knew what this meaneth: 'I will have mercy, and not sacrifice;' you would never have condemned the innocent. . . . The sabbath was made for man, and

not man for the sabbath. Therefore the Son of man is Lord of the sabbath also.

ARISE, and stand forth in the midst. . . . I ask you, if it be lawful on the sabbath-days to do good, or to do evil ; to save life, or to destroy ?—What man shall there be among you that hath one sheep : and if the same fall into a pit on the sabbath-day, will he not take hold on it, and lift it up ? How much better is a man than a sheep ? Therefore it is lawful to do a good deed on the sabbath-days. . . . Stretch forth thy hand.

BLESSED are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek : for they shall possess the land. Blessed are they that mourn : for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice : for they shall have their fill. Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart : for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers : for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed

are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake : Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven. For so they persecuted the prophets that were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted ? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out, and to be trodden on by men. Ye are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house. So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot, or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be ful-

filled. He therefore that shall break one of these least commandments, and shall so teach men, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But he that shall do and teach, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, that unless your justice abound more than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to them of old : Thou shalt not kill. And whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother, shall be in danger of the judgment. And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council ; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath any thing against thee : leave there thy offering before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother : and then shalt thou come and offer thy gift. Be at agreement with thy adversary betimes, whilst

thou art in the way with him : lest perhaps the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Amen I say to thee, thou shalt not go out from thence till thou repay the last farthing. You have heard that it was said to them of old : Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say to you, that whosoever shall look on a woman to lust after her, hath already committed adultery with her in his heart. And if thy right eye scandalise thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee. For it is expedient for thee that one of thy members should perish, rather than thy whole body be cast into hell. And if thy right hand scandalise thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee : for it is expedient for thee that one of thy members should perish, rather than that thy whole body go into hell. And it hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, excepting the cause of fornication, maketh her to commit adultery :

and he that shall marry her that is put away, committeth adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to them of old, Thou shalt not forswear thyself: but thou shalt perform thy oaths to the Lord. But I say to you, not to swear at all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God: nor by the earth, for it is his footstool: nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great king: neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your speech be yea, yea; no, no: and that which is over and above these, is of evil. You have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, not to resist evil: but if one strike thee on thy right cheek, turn to him also the other: and if a man will contend with thee in judgment, and take away thy coat, let go thy cloak also unto him. And whosoever will force thee one mile, go with him other two. Give to him that asketh of thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not away. You have heard that it hath been said,

Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thy enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies : do good to them that hate you : and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you : that you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven, who maketh his sun to rise upon the good and bad, and raineth upon the just and the unjust. For if you love them that love you, what reward shall you have ? Do not even the publicans this ? And if you salute your brethren only, what do you the more ? Do not also the heathens this ? Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect.

TAKE heed that you do not your justice before men, to be seen by them : otherwise you shall not have a reward of your Father who is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest an alms-deed, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honoured by men. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But when thou

doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. That thy alms may be in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret will repay thee. And when ye pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites, that love to stand and pray in the synagogues and corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But thou, when thou shalt pray, enter into thy chamber, and having shut the door, pray to thy Father in secret: and thy Father who seeth in secret will repay thee. And when you are praying, speak not much, as the heathens. For they think that in their much speaking they may be heard. Be not ye therefore like to them, for your Father knoweth what is needful for you, before you ask him. Thus therefore shall you pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our supersubstantial bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver

us from evil. Amen. For if you will forgive men their offences, your heavenly Father will forgive you also your offences. But if you will not forgive men ; neither will your Father forgive you your offences. And when you fast, be not as the hypocrites, sad. For they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face ; that thou appear not to men to fast, but to thy Father who is in secret : and thy Father who seeth in secret, will repay thee. Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth : where the rust and moth consume, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven : where neither the rust nor the moth consume, and where thieves do not break through, nor steal. For where thy treasure is, there is thy heart also. The light of thy body is thine eye. If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be lightsome. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be darksome. If

then the light that is in thee be darkness ; the darkness itself how great shall it be. No man can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one, and love the other : or he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat ; nor for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat ; and the body more than the raiment ? Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns ; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not you of much more value than they ? And which of you, by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit ? And for raiment why are you solicitous ? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow : they labour not, neither do they spin. Yet I say to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. And if the grass of the field, which is to-day, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, God doth so clothe : how much more you, O ye of

little faith ! Be not solicitous therefore, saying, What shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewith shall we be clothed ? For after all these things do the heathens seek. For your Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore solicitous for to-morrow ; for the morrow will be solicitous for itself. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.

JUDGE not, that ye may not be judged. For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged : and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why seest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye ; and seest not the beam that is in thy own eye ? Or how sayest thou to thy brother : Let me cast the mote out of thine eye ; and behold a beam is in thy own eye ? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thy own eye, and then shalt thou see to cast out the mote out of

thy brother's eye. Give not that which is holy to dogs ; neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest perhaps they trample them under their feet, and turning upon you, they tear you. Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and you shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one that asketh, receiveth : and he that seeketh, findeth : and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. Or what man is there among you, of whom if his son shall ask bread, will he reach him a stone ? Or if he shall ask him a fish, will he reach him a serpent ? If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children : how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him ! All things therefore whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you also to them. For this is the law and the prophets. Enter ye in at the narrow gate : for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there are who go in thereat. How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leadeth to life : and few there are that

find it ! Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles ? Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can an evil tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them. Not every one that saith to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven : but he that doth the will of my Father who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. Many will say to me in that day : Lord, Lord, have not we prophesied in thy name, and cast out devils in thy name, and done many miracles in thy name ? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you : depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Every one therefore that heareth these my words, and doeth them, shall be likened to a wise

man that built his house upon a rock ; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded on a rock. And every one that heareth these my words, and doeth them not, shall be like a foolish man that built his house upon the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they beat upon that house, and it fell, and great was the fall thereof.

BLESSED are ye poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now : for you shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now : for you shall laugh. Blessed shall you be when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Be glad in that day and rejoice ; for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For according to these things did their fathers to the prophets. But wo to you that are rich : for you have your consolation. Wo

to you that are filled : for you shall hunger. Wo to you that now laugh : for you shall mourn and weep. Wo to you when men shall bless you : for according to these things did their fathers to the false prophets. But I say to you that hear : Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them that calumniate you. And to him that striketh thee on the one cheek, offer also the other. And him that taketh away from thee thy cloak, forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every one that asketh thee ; and of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again. And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them in like manner. And if you love them that love you, what thanks are due to you ? for sinners also love those that love them. And if you do good to them who do good for you, what thanks are due to you ? for sinners also do this. And if you lend to them of whom you hope to receive, what thanks are due to you ? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much. But love

ye your enemies : do good, and lend, hoping for nothing thereby : and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the sons of the Highest ; for he is kind to the unthankful, and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also 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 shall be given to you : good measure and pressed down and shaken together and running over shall they give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you shall mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. Can the blind lead the blind ? do they not both fall into the ditch ? The disciple is not above his master : but every one shall be perfect, if he be as his master. And why seest thou the mote in thy brother's eye : but the beam that is in thy own eye thou considerest not ? Or how canst thou say to thy brother : Brother, let me pull the mote out of thine eye, when thou thyself seest not the beam in thy own eye ? Hypocrite, cast first the beam out of thy own eye ; and

then shalt thou see clearly to take out the mote from thy brother's eye. For there is no good tree that bringeth forth evil fruit ; nor an evil tree that bringeth forth good fruit. For every tree is known by its fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns : nor from a bramble bush do they gather the grape. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good : and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth that which is evil. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. And why call you me, Lord, Lord ; and do not the things which I say ? Every one that cometh to me, and heareth my words, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like. He is like to a man building a house, who dug deep, and laid the foundation upon a rock : and when a flood came, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and it could not shake it : for it was founded on a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like to a man building his house upon the earth without a foundation : against

which the stream beat vehemently, and immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.

It is a more blessed thing to give rather than to receive.

I WILL. Be thou made clean. . . . See thou tell no one ; but go, show thyself to the high-priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

I WILL come and heal him. . . . Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith, not even in Israel. And I say to you, that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven : but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the exterior darkness : there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. . . . Go, and as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee.

WEEP not. . . . Young man, I say to thee, Arise.

Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen : The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, to the poor the gospel is preached : and blessed is he who-soever shall not be scandalised in me.

WHAT went ye out into the desert to see ? a reed shaken with the wind ? But what went ye out to see ? a man clothed in soft garments ? Behold they that are in costly apparel and live delicately, are in the houses of kings. But what went ye out to see ? a prophet ? Yea, I say to you, and more than a prophet : For this is he of whom it is written : ‘ Behold I send my Angel, before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.’ Amen I say to you, there hath not risen among them that are born of women a greater than John the Baptist : yet he that is the lesser in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent bear it away. For all the prophets

and the law prophesied until John : And if you will receive it, he is Elias that is to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

WHEREUNTO then shall I liken the men of this generation ? and to what are they like ? They are like to children sitting in the market-place, and speaking one to another, and saying : We have piped to you, and you have not danced : we have mourned, and you have not wept. For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine ; and you say : He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking ; and you say : Behold a man that is a glutton and a drinker of wine, a friend of publicans and sinners. And wisdom is justified by all her children.

Wo to thee, Corozain ; wo to thee, Bethsaida ; for if in Tyre and Sidon had been wrought the miracles that have been wrought in you, they had long ago done penance in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon

in the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capharnaum, shalt thou be exalted up to heaven? thou shalt go down even unto hell. For if in Sodom had been wrought the miracles that have been wrought in thee, perhaps it had remained unto this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

SIMON, I have somewhat to say to thee. A certain creditor had two debtors; the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And whereas they had not wherewith to pay, he forgave them both. Which therefore of the two loveth him most? . . . Thou hast judged rightly. . . . Dost thou see this woman? I entered into thy house, thou gavest me no water for my feet; but she with tears hath washed my feet, and with her hairs hath wiped them. Thou gavest me no kiss; but she, since she came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint; but she with ointment hath anointed my feet. Where-

fore I say to thee : Many things are forgiven her, because she hath loved much. But to whom less is forgiven, he loveth less. . . . Thy sins are forgiven thee. . . . Thy faith hath saved thee ; go in peace.

EVERY kingdom divided against itself shall be made desolate : and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself : how then shall his kingdom stand ? Because you say, that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub ; by whom do your children cast them out ? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils, doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him, and overcome him ; he will take away all his armour wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with me, is against me ; and he that gathereth

not with me, scattereth. Amen I say to you, that all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and the blasphemies wherewith they shall blaspheme : but the blasphemy of the Spirit shall not be forgiven. And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him : but he that shall speak against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in the world to come. Either make the tree good, and its fruit good ; or make the tree evil, and its fruit evil. For by the fruit the tree is known. O generation of vipers, how can you speak good things, whereas you are evil ? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of a good treasure bringeth forth good things : and an evil man out of an evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall render an account for it in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified ; and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

AN evil and adulterous generation seeketh a sign ; and a sign shall not be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For as Jonas was in the whale's belly three days and three nights : so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Ninive shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it : because they did penance at the preaching of Jonas ; and behold a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it : because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon ; and behold a greater than Solomon is here.

No man lighteth a candle, and putteth it in a hidden place, nor under a bushel : but upon a candlestick, that those who come in may see the light. The light of thy body is thine eye. If thine eye be single, thy whole body will be lightsome : but if it be evil, thy body also will be darksome. Take heed, therefore, that the light which is in

thee, be not darkness. If then thy whole body be lightsome, having no part of darkness ; the whole shall be lightsome ; and as a bright lamp, shall enlighten thee.

WHEN the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith : I will return into my house from whence I came out. And coming he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then he goeth, and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there : and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. So shall it be also to this wicked generation.

YEA rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

WHO is my mother, and who are my brethren ? . . . Behold my mother and my brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father, who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.

HEAR ye : Behold, the sower went out

to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside, and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon stony ground, where it had not much earth ; and it shot up immediately, because it had no depth of earth. And when the sun was risen, it was scorched ; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns ; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And some fell upon good ground ; and brought forth fruit that grew up, and increased, and yielded, one thirty, another sixty, and another a hundredfold. . . . He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven : but to them it is not given.—To them that are without, all things are done in parables. That seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand ; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.—Therefore do

I speak to them in parables: because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And the prophecy of Isaias is fulfilled in them, who saith: 'Hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand: and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive. For the heart of this people is grown gross, and with their ears they have been dull of hearing; and their eyes they have shut, lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. For, amen, I say to you, many prophets and just men have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them; and to hear the things that you hear, and have not heard them.

ARE you ignorant of this parable? and how shall you know all parables?—Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.—He that soweth, soweth the word.—When

any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, there cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart ; this is he that received the seed by the wayside. And he that received the seed upon stony ground : this is he that heareth the word, and immediately receiveth it with joy. Yet hath he not root in himself, but endures only for a time : and when there ariseth tribulation and persecution because of the word, he is presently scandalised. And he that received the seed among thorns, is he that heareth the word ; and the care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches,—and the lust after other things,—with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life,—entering in, choke the word, and it is made fruitless. But that on the good ground, are they who, in a good and very good heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience.—This is he that heareth the word, and understandeth, and beareth fruit, and yieldeth the one an hundredfold, and another sixty, and another thirty.

Is a candle brought in to be put under a bushel, or under a bed, and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is not any thing secret, that shall not be made manifest; nor hidden, that shall not be known and come abroad.

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. Take heed what you hear. In what measure you shall mete, it shall be measured to you again, and more shall be given to you. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, that also which he thinketh he hath, shall be taken away from him.

THE kingdom of heaven is likened to a man that sowed good seed in his field. But while men were asleep, his enemy came and oversowed cockle among the wheat, and went his way. And when the blade was sprung up, and had brought forth fruit, then appeared also the cockle. And the servants of the good-man of the house came and said to him: Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it cockle?

And he said to them : An enemy hath done this. And the servants said to him : Wilt thou that we go and gather it up ? And he said : No ; lest perhaps in gathering up the cockle, you root up the wheat also together with it. Suffer both to grow until the harvest ; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers : Gather up first the cockle, and bind it into bundles to burn ; but the wheat gather ye into my barn.

HE that soweth the good seed, is the Son of man. And the field is the world. And the good seed are the children of the kingdom. And the cockle are the children of the wicked one. And the enemy that sowed them is the devil. But the harvest is the end of the world. And the reapers are the Angels. Even as cockle therefore is gathered up, and burnt with fire ; so shall it be at the end of the world. The Son of man shall send his Angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all scandals, and them that work iniquity ; and shall cast them into the furnace of fire : there shall be weeping and

gnashing of teeth. Then shall the just shine as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the earth ; and should sleep, and rise, night and day, and the seed should spring, and grow up whilst he knoweth not. For the earth of itself bringeth forth fruit, first the blade, then the ear, afterwards the full corn in the ear. And when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

To what shall we liken the kingdom of God ? or to what parable shall we compare it ? It is like to a grain of mustard-seed, which a man took and cast into his garden, which when it is sown in the earth is less than all the seeds that are in the earth : but when it is grown up, it is greater than all herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come, and dwell in the branches thereof.

WHEREUNTO shall I compare the kingdom

of God? It is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

THE kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in a field; which a man having found, hid it, and for joy thereof goeth, and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

AGAIN, the kingdom of heaven is like to a merchant seeking good pearls. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went his way, and sold all that he had, and bought it.

AGAIN, the kingdom of heaven is like to a net cast into the sea, and gathering together of all kind of fishes. Which, when it was filled, they drew out, and sitting by the shore, gathered out the good into vessels, but the bad they cast forth. So shall it be at the end of the world. The Angels shall go forth, and shall separate the wicked from among the just; and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

HAVE ye understood all these things? . . . Therefore every scribe instructed in the kingdom of heaven, is like to a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

‘THE spirit of the Lord is upon me ; wherefore he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the contrite of heart. To preach deliverance to the captives, and sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of reward.’ . . . This day is fulfilled this scripture in your ears.

DOUBTLESS you will say to me this similitude : Physician, heal thyself : as great things as we have heard done in Capharnaum, do also here in thy own country.—Amen I say to you : A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and in his own house, and among his own kindred.

I SAY to you of a truth, there were many widows in the days of Elias in Israel, when heaven was shut up three years and six

months, when there was a great famine throughout all the earth. And to none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta of Sidon, to a widow woman. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet: and none of them was cleansed but Naaman the Syrian.

THE harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth labourers into his harvest.

Go ye not into the way of the gentiles, and into cities of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go ye rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying: The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils: freely have you received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor money in your purses: Nor scrip for your journey, nor two coats, nor shoes, nor a staff; for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever city or town you shall enter, inquire who in it

is worthy, and there abide till you go thence. And when you come into the house, salute it, saying: Peace be to this house. And if that house be worthy, your peace shall come upon it; but if it be not worthy, your peace shall return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words; going forth out of that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet, for a testimony against them. Amen I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. Behold I send you as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye therefore wise as serpents and simple as doves. But beware of men. For they will deliver you up in councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues. And you shall be brought before governors, and before kings for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the gentiles: but when they shall deliver you up, take no thought how or what to speak: for it shall be given you in that hour what to speak. For it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in

you. The brother also shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the son : and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall put them to death. And you shall be hated by all men for my name's sake : but he that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved. And when they shall persecute you in this city, flee into another. Amen I say to you, you shall not finish all the cities of Israel, till the Son of man come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the good-man of the house Beelzebub, how much more them of his household? Therefore fear them not. For nothing is covered that shall not be revealed : nor hid, that shall not be known. That which I tell you in the dark, speak ye in the light : and that which you hear in the ear, preach ye upon the house-tops. And fear not them that kill the body, and are not able to kill the soul : but rather fear him that can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and not one of them shall fall to the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: better are ye than many sparrows. Every one therefore that shall confess me before men, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven. But he that shall deny me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I came to send peace upon earth: I came not to send peace, but the sword. For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's enemies shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not up his cross, and followeth me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for me, shall find it. He that re-

ceiveth you, receiveth me : and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward : and he that receiveth a just man in the name of a just man, shall receive a just man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.

COME apart into a desert place, and rest a little. . . . They have no need to go : give ye them to eat. . . . Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat ? . . . How many loaves have ye ? go and see. . . . Bring them hither to me. . . . Make them sit down by fifties in a company. . . . Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost.

BE of good heart : it is I ; fear ye not. . . . Come. . . . O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt ?

AMEN, amen, I say to you, ye seek me,

not because you have seen miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that which endureth unto life everlasting, which the Son of man will give you. For him hath God the Father sealed. . . . This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he hath sent. . . . Amen, amen, I say to you; Moses gave you not bread from heaven, but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life to the world. . . . I am the bread of life : he that cometh to me shall not hunger ; and he that believeth in me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, that you also have seen me, and you believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me ; and him that cometh to me, I will not cast out. Because I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me. Now this is the will of the Father who sent me : that of all that he hath given me, I should lose nothing ; but should raise

it up again in the last day. And this is the will of my Father who sent me: that every one who seeth the Son, and believeth in him, may have life everlasting; and I will raise him up in the last day. . . . Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father, who hath sent me, draw him; and I will raise him up in the last day. It is written in the prophets: 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Every one that hath heard and hath learned of the Father, cometh to me. Not that any man hath seen the Father; but he who is of God, he hath seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say unto you: He that believeth in me, hath everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the desert, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven: that if any man eat of it he may not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever; and the bread that I will give, is my flesh, for the life of the world. . . . Amen, amen, I say unto you:

Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye shall not have life in you. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life : and I will raise him up in the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father ; so he that eateth me, the same also shall live by me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead. He that eateth this bread, shall live for ever. . . . Doth this scandalise you? If then you shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth : the flesh profiteth nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you that believe not. Therefore did I say to you, that no man can come to me, unless it be given him by my Father.

WILL ye also go away? . . . Have not I

chosen you twelve ; and one of you is a devil ?

YE hypocrites, well hath Isaias prophesied of you, saying : ‘ This people honoureth me with their lips ; but their heart is far from me. And in vain do they worship me, teaching the doctrines and commandments of men.’ For leaving the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men, the washing of pots and of cups : and many other things you do like to these. Well do you make void the commandment of God, that you may keep your own tradition. For Moses said : ‘ Honour thy father and thy mother ;’ and ‘ He that shall curse father or mother, let him die the death.’ But you say : If a man shall say to his father or mother, Corban (which is a gift), whatsoever is from me shall profit thee. And farther you suffer him not to do any thing for his father or mother ; making void the word of God by your own tradition, which you have given forth. And many other such-like things you do.

HEAR me, all ye, and understand. There is nothing from without a man that, entering into him, can defile him. But the things which come from a man, those are they that defile a man. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

EVERY plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone : they are blind, and leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both fall into the pit.

ARE ye also yet without understanding ? Do you not understand, that every thing from without, entering into a man, cannot defile him : because it entereth not into his heart, but goeth into the belly, and goeth out into the sink, purging all meats ? But the things which proceed out of the mouth, come forth from the heart, and those things defile a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts,—false testimonies,—covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy,

pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and defile a man. But to eat with unwashed hands doth not defile a man.

I WAS not sent but to the sheep that are lost of the house of Israel. . . . Suffer first the children to be filled : for it is not good to take the children's bread and to cast it to the dogs. . . . O woman, great is thy faith ; be it done to thee as thou wilt. . . . For this saying go thy way ; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

EPHPHETHA, Be thou opened.

I HAVE compassion on the multitude, for behold they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat. And if I shall send them away fasting to their home, they will faint in the way ; for some of them have come from afar. . . . How many loaves have ye ?

WHEN ye see a cloud rising from the west, presently you say : A shower is coming : and so it happeneth. And when ye see the south wind blow, you say : There

will be heat : and it cometh to pass.—When it is evening, you say, It will be fair weather, for the sky is red. And in the morning : To-day there will be a storm, for the sky is red and lowering.—Ye hypocrites, you know how to discern the face of the heaven and of the earth : but how is it that you do not discern this time ?—You know how to discern the face of the sky : and can you not know the signs of the times ? And why even of yourselves, do you not judge that which is just ?

WHY doth this generation ask a sign ? Amen I say to you, If a sign shall be given to this generation.—A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign : and a sign shall not be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

TAKE heed, and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees, and of the leaven of Herod. . . . Why do you think within yourselves, O ye of little faith, for that you have no bread ? Do you not yet know nor understand ? have you still your heart

blinded? Having eyes, see you not? and having ears, hear you not? neither do you remember?—Do you not yet understand, neither do you remember the five loaves among five thousand men, and how many baskets you took up? Nor the seven loaves among four thousand men, and how many baskets you took up? Why do you not understand that it was not concerning bread I said to you: Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Go into thy house, and if thou enter into the town, tell nobody.

WHOM do men say that the Son of man is? . . . But whom do you say that I am? . . . Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in heaven.

AND I say to thee: That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou

shalt bind upon earth shall be bound also in heaven ; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven.

THE Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the ancients and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day rise again. . . . Go behind me, Satan ; thou art a scandal unto me : because thou savourest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men.

IF any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it ; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul ? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ? For he that shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him the Son of man shall be ashamed, when he shall come in his majesty, and that of his Father, and of the holy angels.

AMEN I say to you, there are some of

them that stand here, who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God coming in power—till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. . . . Arise, and fear not. . . . Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of man be risen from the dead.

ELIAS indeed shall come, and restore all things ; but I say to you, that Elias is already come, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they had a mind. So also the Son of man shall suffer from them.

WHAT do you question about among you ? . . . O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you ? how long shall I suffer you ? Bring him hither to me. . . . How long time is it since this hath happened unto him ? . . . If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. . . . Deaf and dumb spirit, I command thee, go out of him. . . . Because of your unbelief. For, amen I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard-seed, you shall say to this mountain, Remove

from hence yonder, and it shall remove ; and nothing shall be impossible to you.— If you had faith like to a grain of mustard-seed, you might say to this mulberry-tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou transplanted into the sea : and it would obey you.—But this kind is not cast out but by prayer and fasting.

LAY up in your hearts these words, for it shall come to pass, that the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him ; and after that he is killed, he shall rise again the third day.

WHAT is thy opinion, Simon ? The kings of the earth, of whom do they receive tribute or custom ? of their own children, or of strangers ? . . . Then the children are free. But that we may not scandalise them, go to the sea, and cast in a hook : and take that fish which shall first come up, and when thou hast opened its mouth, thou shalt find a stater : take that, and give it to them for me and thee.

WHAT did you treat of in the way ? . . .

If any man desire to be first, he shall be the last of all, and the minister of all.

AMEN I say to you, unless you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greater in the kingdom of heaven.—Whosoever shall receive one such child as this in my name, receiveth me. And whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.—For he that is the lesser among you all, he is the greater.

Do not forbid him. For there is no man that doth a miracle in my name, and can soon speak ill of me. For he that is not against you, is for you. For whosoever shall give you to drink a cup of water in my name, because you belong to Christ : Amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward. But he that shall scandalise one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a mill-stone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be

drowned in the depths of the sea. Wo to the world because of scandals. For it must needs be that scandals come : but nevertheless wo to that man by whom the scandal cometh. And if thy hand scandalise thee, cut it off : it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands, to go into hell, into unquenchable fire : where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not extinguished. And if thy foot scandalise thee, cut it off. It is better for thee to enter lame into life everlasting, than having two feet, to be cast into the hell of unquenchable fire : where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not extinguished. And if thine eye scandalise thee, pluck it out. It is better for thee with one eye to enter into the kingdom of God, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire : where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not extinguished. For every one shall be salted with fire : and every victim shall be salted with salt. Salt is good. But if the salt lose its saltness : wherewith will you season it ? Have salt in you, and have peace one with another.

SEE that ye despise not one of these little ones : for I say to you, that their Angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

WHAT think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them should go astray : doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the mountains, and goeth to seek that which is gone astray? And if it so be that he find it : Amen I say to you, he rejoiceth more for that, than for the ninety-nine that went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

TAKE heed to yourselves. If thy brother sin against thee, reprove him ; and if he do penance, forgive him. And if he sin against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent : forgive him.

BUT if thy brother shall offend against thee, go, and rebuke him between thee and him alone. If he shall hear thee, thou

shalt gain thy brother. And if he will not hear thee, take with thee one or two more : that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may stand. And if he will not hear them : tell the Church. And if he will not hear the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and publican.

AMEN I say to you, whatsoever ye shall bind upon earth, shall be bound also in heaven ; and whatsoever ye shall loose upon earth, shall be loosed also in heaven.

AGAIN I say to you, that if two of you shall consent upon earth, concerning any thing whatsoever they shall ask, it shall be done to them by my Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

I SAY not to thee, till seven times ; but till seventy times seven times. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened to a king, who would take an account of his servants. And when he had begun to take the account, one was brought to him, that owed

him ten thousand talents. And as he had not wherewith to pay it, his lord commanded that he should be sold, and his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. But that servant falling down, besought him, saying : Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And the lord of that servant being moved with pity, let him go and forgave him the debt. But when that servant was gone out, he found one of his fellow-servants that owed him an hundred pence : and laying hold of him, he throttled him, saying : Pay what thou owest. And his fellow-servant fell down and besought him, saying : Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not : but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. Now his fellow-servants seeing what was done, were very much grieved, and they came, and told their lord all that was done. Then his lord called him, and said to him : Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all the debt, because thou besoughtest me ; shouldst not thou then have had compassion also on

thy fellow-servant, even as I had compassion on thee? And his lord being angry, delivered him to the torturers until he paid all the debt. So also shall my heavenly Father do to you, if you forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

BUT which of you having a servant ploughing, or feeding cattle, will say to him, when he is come from the field: Go straightway and sit down to meat? and will not rather say to him: Make ready my supper, and gird thyself, and serve me, whilst I eat and drink, and afterwards thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank that servant for doing the things which he commanded him? I think not. So you also, when you shall have done all these things that are commanded you, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do.

My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you: but me it hateth: because I give testimony of it, that the works thereof are

evil. Go ye up to this festival day, but I go not up to this festival day : because my time is not accomplished.

Go, show yourselves to the priests. . . . Were not ten made clean ? and where are the nine ? There is no one found to return and give glory to God, but this stranger. . . . Arise, go thy way ; for thy faith hath made thee whole.

My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself, seeketh his own glory : but he that seeketh the glory of him that sent him, he is true, and there is no injustice in him. Did not Moses give you the law ? and yet none of you keepeth the law. Why seek ye to kill me ? . . . One work I have done ; and you all wonder. Therefore Moses gave you circumcision, (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers ;) and on the sabbath-day you circumcise a man. If a man receive circumcision on the sab-

bath-day, that the law of Moses may not be broken ; are you angry at me because I have healed the whole man on the sabbath-day ? Judge not according to appearance, but judge just judgment. . . . You both know me, and you know whence I am : and I am not come of myself ; but he that sent me is true, whom you know not. I know him, because I am from him, and he hath sent me. . . . Yet a little while I am with you : and then I go to him that sent me. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me : and where I am, thither ye cannot come. . . . If any man thirst, let him come to me, and drink. He that believeth in me, as the scripture saith, ' Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'

HE that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. . . . Woman, where are they that accused thee ? Hath no man condemned thee ? . . . Neither will I condemn thee. Go, and sin no more.

I AM the light of the world. He that followeth me, walketh not in darkness, but

shall have the light of life. . . . Although I give testimony of myself, my testimony is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go: but you know not whence I come, nor whither I go. You judge according to the flesh: I judge not any man. And if I do judge, my judgment is true: because I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. And in your law it is written, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that give testimony of myself: and the Father who sent me giveth testimony of me. . . . Neither me do you know, nor my Father: if ye knew me, perhaps you would know my Father also. . . . I go, and you shall seek me, and shall die in your sin. Whither I go, you cannot come. . . . 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 shall die in your sins. For if you believe not that I am he, you shall die in your sin. . . . The beginning, who also speak unto you. Many things I have to speak and to judge of you. But he that

sent me is true : and the things I have heard of him, these same I speak in the world. . . . When you shall have lifted up the Son of man, then shall you know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself, but as the Father hath taught me, these things I speak ; and he that sent me is with me, and hath not left me alone : for I do always the things that please him. . . . If you continue in my word, you shall be my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. . . . Amen, amen, I say unto you : that whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin. Now the servant abideth not in the house for ever ; but the son abideth for ever. If therefore the son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. I know that you are the children of Abraham : but you seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father : and you do the things that you have seen with your father. . . . If you be the children of Abraham, do the works of Abraham. But now you seek

to kill me, a man who have spoken the truth to you, which I have heard of God. This Abraham did not. Ye do the works of your father. . . . If God were your father, you would indeed love me. For from God I proceeded, and came ; for I came not of myself, but he sent me. Why do you not know my speech ? because you cannot hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and he stood not in the truth ; because truth is not in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own ; for he is a liar, and the father thereof. But if I say the truth, you believe me not. Which of you shall convince me of sin ? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe me ? He that is of God, heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not because you are not of God. . . . I have not a devil : but I honour my Father, and you have dishonoured me. But I seek not my own glory : there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, amen, I say to you : if any man

keep my word, he shall not see death for ever. . . . If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father that glorifieth me, of whom you say that he is your God. And you have not known him, but I know him. And if I shall say that I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you. But I do know him, and keep his word. Abraham, your father, rejoiced in looking to my day : he saw it, and was glad. . . . Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made I am.

NEITHER hath this man sinned, nor his parents ; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day : the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. . . . Go, wash in the pool of Siloe. . . . Dost thou believe in the Son of God ? . . . Thou hast both seen him ; and he it is that talketh with thee. . . . For judgment I am come into this world ; that they who see not, may

see ; and they who see, may become blind. . . . If you were blind, you should not have sin : but now you say, we see, your sin remaineth.

AMEN, amen, I say to you : he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up another way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth ; and the sheep hear his voice : and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he hath let out his own sheep, he goeth before them ; and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. But a stranger they follow not, but fly from him, because they know not the voice of strangers. . . . Amen, amen, I say to you : I am the door of the sheep. All others, as many as have come, are thieves and robbers : and the sheep heard them not. I am the door. By me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved : and he shall go in, and go out, and shall find pasture. The thief cometh not,

but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth : and the wolf catcheth, and scattereth the sheep. And the hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling : and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd ; and I know mine, and mine know me. As the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father : and I lay down my life for my sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold : them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. Therefore doth the Father love me ; because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No man taketh it away from me : but I lay it down of myself : and I have power to lay it down : and I have power to take it up again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

THE harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send labourers into his harvest.

Go : behold I send you as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes ; and salute no man by the way. Into whatsoever house you enter, first say : Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him ; but if not, it shall return to you. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they have : for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Remove not from house to house. And into what city soever you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick that are therein, and say to them : The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city you enter, and they receive you not, going forth into the streets thereof, say : Even the very dust of your city that cleaveth to us, we wipe off against you. Yet know this, that the king-

dom of God is at hand. I say to you, it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. . . . He that heareth you, heareth me ; and he that despiseth you, despiseth me ; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

I SAW Satan like lightning falling from heaven. Behold, I have given you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy : and nothing shall hurt you. But yet rejoice not in this, that spirits are subject unto you ; but rejoice in this, that your names are written in heaven.

I CONFESS to thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them to little ones. Yea, Father ; for so hath it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me by my Father. And no one knoweth the Son, but the Father : neither doth any one know the Father, but the Son, and he to whom it shall please the Son to reveal him.

BLESSED are the eyes that see the things which you see. For I say to you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them ; and to hear the things that you hear, and have not heard them.

COME to me, all ye that labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart : and you shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is sweet, and my burden light.

WHAT is written in the law ? how readest thou ? . . . Thou hast answered right : this do, and thou shalt live. . . . A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, who stripped him, and having wounded him, went away leaving him half dead. And it chanced, that a certain priest went down the same way : and seeing him, passed by. In like manner also a Levite, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan being on his journey, came near

him ; and seeing him, was moved with compassion ; and went up to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine : and setting him upon his own beast, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two pence, and gave to the host, and said : Take care of him ; and whatsoever thou shalt spend over and above, I, at my return, will repay thee. Which of these three, in thy opinion, was neighbour to him that fell among the robbers? . . . Go, and do thou in like manner.

MARTHA, Martha, thou art careful, and art troubled about many things. But one thing is necessary. Mary hath chosen the best part, which shall not be taken away from her.

WHEN you pray, say : Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.

WHICH of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and shall say to him : Friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine is come off his journey to me, and I have nothing to set before him. And he from within should answer and say : Trouble me not, the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed ; I cannot rise and give thee. Yet if he shall continue knocking, I say to you, although he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend ; yet, because of his importunity, he will rise, and give him as many loaves as he needeth. And I say to you, Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and you shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one that asketh, receiveth ; and he that seeketh, findeth ; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. And which of you, if he ask of his father bread, will he give him a stone ? or a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent ? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he reach him a scorpion ? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will

your Father from heaven give the good Spirit to them that ask him?

BUT wo to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites : because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men ; for you yourselves do not enter in, and those that are going in, you suffer not to enter. Wo to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites : because you devour the houses of widows, praying long prayers. For this you shall receive the greater judgment. Wo to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites : because you go round about the sea and the land to make one proselyte ; and when he is made, you make him the child of hell twofold more than yourselves. Wo to you, blind guides, that say, whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing : but he that shall swear by the gold of the temple, is a debtor. Ye foolish and blind : for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold ? And whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing ; but whosoever shall swear by the gift that is upon it, is a debtor.

Ye blind : for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? He therefore that sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things that are upon it : and whosoever shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth in it : and he that sweareth by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. Wo to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites : because you tithe mint, and anise, and cummin, and have left the weightier things of the law ; judgment, and mercy, and faith. These things you ought to have done, and not leave those undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel. Wo to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites : because you make clean the outside of the cup and of the dish ; but within you are full of rapine and uncleanness. Thou blind Pharisee, first make clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, that the outside may become clean. Wo to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites : because ye are like to whited sepulchres, which outwardly ap-

pear to men beautiful, but within are full of dead men's bones, and of all filthiness. So you also outwardly indeed appear to men just ; but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Wo to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites : who build the sepulchres of the prophets, and adorn the monuments of the just ; and say : If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore you are witnesses against yourselves, that you are the sons of them that killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, generation of vipers, how will you flee from the judgment of hell ? Therefore behold I send to you prophets, and wise men, and scribes ; and some of them you will put to death and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city ; that upon you may come all the just blood that hath been shed upon the earth, from the blood of Abel the just, even unto the blood of Zacharias the son of Barachias, whom you killed be-

tween the temple and the altar. Amen I say to you, all these things shall come upon this generation.

Now you Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but your inside is full of rapine and iniquity. Ye fools, did not he who made that which is without, make also that which is within? But yet what remaineth; give alms, and behold, all things are clean unto you. But wo to you, Pharisees, because you tithe mint and rue and every herb; and pass over judgment, and the charity of God. Now these things you ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Wo to you, Pharisees, because you love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market-place. Wo to you, because you are as sepulchres that appear not, and men that walk over are not aware. . . . Wo to you lawyers also, because you load men with burdens which they cannot bear, and you yourselves touch not the loads with one of your fingers. Wo to you who build

the monuments of the prophets : and your fathers killed them. Truly you bear witness that you consent to the doings of your fathers : for they indeed killed them, and you build their sepulchres. For this cause also the wisdom of God said : I will send to 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 foundation of the world, may be required of this generation ; from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, who was slain between the altar and the temple : Yea I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. Wo to you lawyers, for you have taken away the key of knowledge : you yourselves have not entered in, and those that were entering in you have hindered.

BEWARE ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed ; nor hidden, that shall not be known. For whatsoever things you have spoken in dark-

ness, shall be published in the light : and that which you have spoken in the ear in the chambers, shall be preached on the housetops. And I say to you, my friends : Be not afraid of them who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you shall fear ; fear ye him, who after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell : Yea, I say to you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God ? Yea, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore : Ye are of more value than many sparrows. And I say to you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the Angels of God. But he that shall deny me before men, shall be denied before the Angels of God. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him ; but to him that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven. And when they shall bring you into the synagogues, and before ma-

gistrates and powers, be not solicitous how or what you shall answer, or what you shall say: for the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what you must say.

MAN, who hath appointed me judge, or divider over you?

TAKE heed, and beware of all covetousness: for a man's life doth not consist in the abundance of things which he possesseth. . . . The land of a certain rich man brought forth plenty of fruits. And he thought within himself, saying: What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said: This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and will build greater; and into them will I gather all things that are grown to me, and my goods. And I will say to my soul: Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease; eat, drink, and be merry. But God said to him: Thou fool, this night do they require thy soul of thee; and whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up trea-

sure for himself, and is not rich towards God. . . . Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat ; nor for your body, what you shall put on. The life is more than the meat, and the body is more than the raiment.

CONSIDER the ravens, for they sow not, neither do they reap, neither have they storehouse nor barn, and God feedeth them. How much are you more precious than they? And which of you, by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit? If then ye be notable to do so much as the least thing, why are you solicitous for the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow : they labour not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, not even Solomon, in all his glory, was clothed like one of these. Now if God clothe in this manner the grass, that is to-day in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven ; how much more you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink : and be not lifted up on high. For all these things do the na-

tions of the world seek. But your Father knoweth that you have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you.

FEAR not, little flock, for it hath pleased your Father to give you a kingdom. Sell what you possess, and give alms. Make to yourselves bags which grow not old, a treasure in heaven which faileth not; where no thief approacheth, nor moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

LET your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands. And you yourselves like to men who wait for their lord, when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching. Amen I say to you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will go and minister unto them. And if he shall come in the

second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But this know ye, that if the householder did know at what hour the thief would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open. Be you then also ready: for at what hour you think not, the Son of man will come. . . . Watch ye, therefore, because you know not at what hour your Lord will come.

WHO (thinkest thou) is the faithful and wise steward, whom his lord setteth over his family, to give them their measure of wheat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom when his lord shall come, he shall find so doing. Verily I say to you, he will set him over all that he possesseth. But if that servant shall say in his heart: My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to strike the men-servants and maid-servants, and to eat and to drink, and be drunk: the lord of that servant will come in the day that he expecteth not, and at the hour that he knoweth not, and shall

separate him, and shall appoint him his portion with unbelievers.—There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

AND that servant who knew the will of his lord, and prepared not himself, and did not according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. And unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required : and to whom they have committed much, of him they will demand the more.

I AM come to cast fire on the earth ; and what will I, but that it be kindled ? And I have a baptism wherewith I am to be baptised : and how am I straitened, until it be accomplished ? Think ye that I am come to give peace on earth ? I tell you, no ; but separation. For there shall be from henceforth five in one house divided ; three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against his father, the mother against the daughter, and the daughter

against the mother, the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

THINK you that these Galileans were sinners above all the men of Galilee, because they suffered such things? No, I say to you : but unless you shall do penance, you shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower fell in Siloe, and killed them, think you that they also were debtors above all the men that dwelt in Jerusalem? No, I say to you : but except ye do penance, ye shall all likewise perish.

A CERTAIN man had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none. And he said to the dresser of the vineyard : Behold, for these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and I find none. Cut it down therefore ; why cumbereth it the ground? But he answering, said to him : Lord, let it alone this year also, until I dig about it, and dung it. And if happily it bear fruit : but if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

WOMAN, thou art delivered from thy infirmity. . . . Ye hypocrites, doth not every one of you, on the sabbath-day, loose his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead them to water? And ought not this daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath-day?

I SPEAK to you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in the name of my Father, they give testimony of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep. My sheep hear my voice: and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them life everlasting: and they shall not perish for ever, and no man shall pluck them out of my hand. That which my Father hath given me, is greater than all: and no man can snatch them out of the hand of my Father.

I AND the Father are one.

MANY good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do you stone me? . . . Is it not written in

your law : 'I said ye are gods'? If he called them gods, to whom the word of God was spoken, and the scripture cannot be broken ; do you say of him whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world : Thou blasphemest, because I said, I am the Son of God ? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though you will not believe me, believe the works : that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.

STRIVE to enter in by the narrow gate ; for many, I say to you, shall seek to enter, and shall not be able. But when the master of the house shall be gone in, and shall shut-to the door, you shall begin to stand without, and knock at the door, saying : Lord, open to us. And he answering, shall say to you : I know you not, whence you are. Then ye shall begin to say : We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. And he shall say to you : I know you not, whence you

are : depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And there shall come from the east and the west and the north and the south ; and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And behold, they are last that shall be first, and they are first that shall be last.

Go and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and do cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third day I am consummated. Nevertheless I must walk to-day and to-morrow and the day following, because it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered together thy children, as the hen gathereth her brood under her wings, and thou wouldest not? Behold, your house shall be left to you desolate. For I

say unto you, ye shall not see me henceforth till ye say : Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath-day ? . . . Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him out on the sabbath-day ?

WHEN thou art invited to a wedding, sit not down in the first place, lest perhaps one more honourable than thou be invited ; and he that inviteth thee and him, come and say to thee, Give this man place ; and then thou begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art invited, go and sit down in the lowest place ; that when he who invited thee cometh, he may say to thee : Friend, go up higher. Then shalt thou have glory before them that sit at table with thee. Because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

WHEN thou makest a dinner or a supper,

call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor thy neighbours who are rich ; lest perhaps they also invite thee again, and a recompense be made to thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind ; and thou shalt be blessed, because they have not wherewith to make thee recompense : for recompense shall be made thee at the resurrection of the just.

A CERTAIN man made a great supper, and invited many. And he sent his servant at the hour of supper to say to them that were invited, Come, for all things are now ready. And they began all at once to make excuse. The first said to him : I have bought a farm, and I must needs go out and see it : I pray thee, hold me excused. And another said : I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to try them : I pray thee, hold me excused. And another said : I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. And the servant returning, told these things to his lord. Then

the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant: Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the feeble, and the blind, and the lame. And the servant said: Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said to the servant: Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. But I say unto you, that none of those men that were invited shall taste of my supper.

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not carry his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you having a mind to build a tower, doth not first sit down, and reckon the charges that are necessary, whether he have wherewithal to finish it: lest, after he hath laid the foundation, and is

not able to finish it, all that see it begin to mock him, saying: This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, about to go to make war against another king, doth not first sit down, and think whether he is able, with ten thousand, to meet him that, with twenty thousand, cometh against him? Or else, whilst the other is yet afar off, sending an embassy, he desireth conditions of peace. So likewise every one of you that doth not renounce all that he possesseth, cannot be my disciple. Salt is good. But if the salt shall lose its savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither profitable for the land nor the dunghill, but shall be cast out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

WHAT man of you having an hundred sheep, if he shall lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which was lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it—if so be that he find it—he layeth it upon his shoulders,

rejoicing : and coming home, calleth 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 even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that doeth penance, more than over ninety-nine just who need not penance.

OR what woman having ten groats : if she lose one groat, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently, until she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth together her friends and neighbours, saying : Rejoice with me, for I have found the groat I had lost. So I say unto you, there shall be joy before the Angels of God over one sinner doing penance.

A CERTAIN man had two sons : and the younger of them said to his father : Father, give me the portion of substance that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his substance. And not many days after, the younger son, gathering all together, went

abroad into a far country : and there wasted his substance, living riotously. And after he had spent all, there came a mighty famine in that country ; and he began to be in want. And he went and cleaved to one of the citizens of that country. And he sent him into his farm to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks the swine did eat ; and no man gave unto him. And returning to himself, he said : How many hired servants in my father's house abound with bread, and I here perish with hunger ? I will arise, and will go to my father, and will say to him : Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee : I am no more worthy to be called thy son : make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose and came to his father. And when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and running to him fell upon his neck, and kissed him. And the son said to him : Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee ; I am no more worthy to be

called thy son. And the father said to his servants: Bring forth quickly the first robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat and make merry: because this my son was dead, and is come to life again: he was lost and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field, and when he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing; and he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said to him: Thy brother is come, and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe. And he was angry, and would not go in. His father therefore coming out began to entreat him. And he answering, said to his father: Behold, for so many years do I serve thee, and I have never transgressed thy commandment, and yet thou hast never given me a kid to make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son is come, who hath devoured his substance with harlots, thou hast killed

for him the fatted calf. But he said to him : Son, thou art always with me, and all I have is thine. But it was fit that we should make merry and be glad ; for this thy brother was dead, and is come to life again ; he was lost, and is found.

THERE was a certain rich man who had a steward : and the same was accused unto him, that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said to him : How is it that I hear this of thee ? give an account of thy stewardship : for now thou canst be steward no longer. And the steward said within himself : What shall I do, because my lord taketh away from me the stewardship ? To dig I am not able ; to beg I am ashamed. I know what I will do, that when I shall be removed from the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. Therefore calling together every one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first : How much owest thou my lord ? But he said : An hundred barrels of oil. And he said to him : Take thy bill, and sit down quickly,

and write fifty. Then he said to another : And how much dost thou owe ? who said : An hundred quarters of wheat. He said to him : Take thy bill, and write eighty. And the lord commended the unjust steward, forasmuch as he had done wisely : for the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. And I say to you : Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity ; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings. He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in that which is greater ; and he that is unjust in that which is little, is unjust also in that which is greater. If then you have not been faithful in the unjust mammon, who will trust you with that which is the true ? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own ? No servant can serve two masters ; for either he will hate the one, and love the other ; or he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

YE are they who justify yourselves before men, but God knoweth your hearts; for that which is highly exalted to men is an abomination before God. The law and the prophets were until John; from that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every one useth violence towards it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than for one tittle of the law to fail.

WHAT did Moses command you?—Moses, by reason of the hardness of your heart, permitted you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so.—Have ye not read, that he who made man from the beginning, made them male and female? And he said: For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be in one flesh. Therefore now they are not two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.—And I say to you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth

adultery: and he that shall marry her that is put away, committeth adultery.

WHOSOEVER shall put away his wife and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if the wife shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

EVERY one that putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth her that is put away from her husband, committeth adultery.

ALL men receive not this word, but they to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs, who were born so from their mother's womb. And there are eunuchs, who were made so by men. And there are eunuchs, who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that can receive it, let him receive it.

THERE was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen; and feasted sumptuously every day. And there was a certain beggar, named Lazarus, who lay at

his gate, full of sores, desiring to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, and no one gave unto him ; moreover the dogs came, and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the Angels into Abraham's bosom. And the rich man also died : and was buried in hell. And lifting up his eyes when he was in torments, he saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom : and he cried, and said : Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, to cool my tongue ; for I am tormented in this flame. And Abraham said to him : Son, remember that thou didst receive good things in thy lifetime, and Lazarus in like manner evil things ; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is fixed a great gulf : so that they who would pass from hence to you cannot, nor from thence come hither. And he said : Then, father, I beseech thee, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house,

for I have five brethren, that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torments. And Abraham said to him : They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them. But he said : Nay, father Abraham ; but if one went to them from the dead, they will do penance. And he said to him : If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they believe, though one rise again from the dead.

THE kingdom of God cometh not with observation. Neither shall they say : Behold here, or behold there. For lo, the kingdom of God is within you.

THE days will come, when you shall desire to see one day of the Son of man ; and you shall not see it. And they will say to you : See here, and see there. Go ye not after, nor follow them : for as the lightning that lighteneth from one part under heaven, shineth unto the other parts under heaven, so shall the Son of man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things, and be rejected by this generation. And

as it came to pass in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man ;—so shall also 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, even till that day in which Noe entered into the ark ; and they knew not till the flood came, and took them all away ; so also shall the coming of the Son of man be. Likewise as it came to pass in the days of Lot : they did eat and drink, they bought and sold, they planted and built. And in the day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even so shall it be in the day when the Son of man shall be revealed. In that hour, he that shall be on the house-top, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away : and he that shall be in the field, in like manner, let him not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life, shall lose it : and whosoever shall lose it, shall preserve it. I say to you : in that

night there shall be two men in one bed ; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together ; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two men shall be in the field ; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. . . . Wheresoever the body shall be, thither will the eagles also be gathered together.

THERE was a judge in a certain city, who feared not God, nor regarded man. And there was a certain widow in that city, and she came to him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a long time. But afterwards he said within himself, Although I fear not God, nor regard man, yet because this widow is troublesome to me, I will avenge her, lest by continually coming she weary me. . . . Hear what the unjust judge saith. And will not God avenge his own elect who cry to him day and night ? and will he have patience in their regard ? I say to you, that he will avenge them speedily. But yet the Son of

man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth?

Two men went up into the temple to pray : the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee standing, prayed thus with himself : O God, I give thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican. I fast twice in a week : I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven ; but struck his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me a sinner. I say to you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other : because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

SUFFER little children to come unto me, and forbid them not ; for of such is the kingdom of God.—Suffer little children to come to me, and forbid them not ; for the kingdom of heaven is for such.

AMEN, I say to you : whosoever shall not

receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall not enter into it.

WHY callest thou me good? None is good but one, that is God.—If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.—Thou knowest the commandments.—Thou shalt do no murder; thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not bear false witness; honour thy father and thy mother; and, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. . . . Yet one thing is wanting to thee: sell all things whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, and follow me.—If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, and follow me. . . . How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! . . . Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter

into the kingdom of God. . . . With men it is impossible ; but not with God : for with God all things are possible.—The things that are impossible with men, are possible with God.

AMEN, I say to you, that ye who have followed me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his majesty, ye also shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting.

AMEN, I say to you, there is no man that hath left house or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive much more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

AMEN, I say to you, there is no man who hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or

father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my sake and for the gospel's, who shall not receive an hundred times as much now in this time ; houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions : and in the world to come life everlasting. But many that are first shall be last, and the last first.

THE kingdom of heaven is like to an householder, who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And having agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing in the market-place idle. And he said to them : Go you also into my vineyard, and I will give you what shall be just. And they went their way. And again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did in like manner. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing, and he saith to them : Why stand you here all the day idle ? They say to

him : Because no man hath hired us. He saith to them : Go you also into my vineyard. And when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith to his steward : Call the labourers and pay them their hire, beginning from the last even to the first. When therefore they were come that came about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first also came, they thought that they should receive more : and they also received every man a penny. And on receiving it they murmured against the master of the house, saying : These last have worked but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us, who have borne the burden of the day and the heats. But he answering said to one of them : Friend, I do thee no wrong : didst thou not agree with me for a penny ? Take what is thine, and go thy way : I will also give to this last even as to thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will ? is thine eye evil, because I am good ? So shall the last be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

THIS sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God : that the Son of God may be glorified thereby. . . . Let us go into Judea again. . . . Are there not twelve hours of the day ? If a man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world : but if he walk in the night, he stumbleth, because the light is not in him. . . . Lazarus our friend sleepeth ; but I go that I may awake him out of sleep. . . . Lazarus is dead ; and I am glad, for your sakes, that I was not there, that you may believe : but let us go to him. . . . Thy brother shall rise again. . . . I am the resurrection and the life : he that believeth in me, though he be dead, yet shall he live : and every one that liveth, and believeth in me, shall not die for ever. Believest thou this ? . . . Where have you laid him ? . . . Take away the stone. . . . Did not I say to thee, that if thou believe, thou shalt see the glory of God ? . . . Father, I give thee thanks that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always ; but because of the people who stand about

have I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. . . . Lazarus, come forth. Loose him, and let him go.

YE know not of what spirit ye are. The Son of man came not to destroy souls, but to save.

BEHOLD, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the prophets concerning the Son of man. For he shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and scourged, and spit upon : and after they have scourged him, they will put him to death ; and the third day he shall rise again.

BEHOLD, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man shall be betrayed to the chief priests and the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death ; and shall deliver him to the Gentiles, to be mocked, and scourged, and crucified ; and the third day he shall rise again.

BEHOLD, we go up to Jerusalem, and the

Son of man shall be betrayed to the chief priests, and to the scribes and ancients, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles. And they shall mock him, and spit on him, and scourge him, and kill him : and the third day he shall rise again.

THE Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

WHAT wilt thou ?—What would ye that I should do for you ? . . . Ye know not what ye ask. Can you drink of the chalice that I drink of : or be baptised with the baptism wherewith I am baptised ? . . . You shall indeed drink of the chalice that I drink of : and with the baptism wherewith I am baptised, you shall be baptised : but to sit on my right hand or my left, is not mine to give to you, but to them for whom it is prepared by my Father.

You know that they who seem to rule over the Gentiles, lord it over them : and their princes have power over them. But

not so is it among you : but whosoever will be greater, shall be your minister. And whosoever will be first among you, shall be the servant of all. For the Son of man also is not come to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a redemption for many.

ZACHEUS, make haste and come down ; for this day I must abide in thy house. . . . This day is salvation come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

A CERTAIN nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And calling his ten servants, he gave them ten pounds, and said to them : Trade till I come. But his citizens hated him : and they sent an embassy after him, saying : We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that he returned, having received the kingdom : and he commanded his servants to be called, to whom he had given

the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. And the first came, saying : Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said to him : Well done, thou good servant ; because thou hast been faithful in a little, thou shalt have power over ten cities. And the second came, saying : Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said to him : Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying : Lord, behold here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin ; for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man : thou takest up what thou didst not lay down, and thou reapest that which thou didst not sow. He saith to him : Out of thy own mouth I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up what I laid not down, and reaping that which I did not sow : and why, then, didst thou not give my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required it with usury ? And he said to them that stood by : Take the pound away from him, and

give it to him that hath ten pounds. And they said to him: Lord, he hath ten pounds. But I say to you, that to every one that hath shall be given, and he shall abound: and from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken from him. But as for those mine enemies, who would not have me reign over them, bring them hither, and kill them before me.

WHAT will ye that I should do to you? —What wilt thou that I should do to thee? . . . Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.

LET her alone; why do you molest her? She hath wrought a good work upon me. For the poor you have always with you: and whensoever you will, you may do them good; but me you have not always. What she could, she hath done; she is come beforehand to anoint my body for the burial. Amen I say to you: Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, this also which she hath done shall be told for a memorial of her.

Go ye into the village that is over against you, and immediately you shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her,—on which no man ever sate :—loose them and bring them to me. And if any man shall say aught to you, say ye that the Lord hath need of them, and forthwith he will let them go.

I SAY to you, that if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out.—Yea, have you never read, Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings thou hast perfected praise ?

IF thou also hadst known, and that in this thy day, the things that are to thy peace ; but now they are hidden from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee : and thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and straiten thee on every side, and beat thee flat to the ground, and thy children who are within thee : and they shall not leave in thee a stone upon a stone : because thou hast not known the time of thy visitation.

It is written ; My house is the house of

prayer. But you have made it a den of thieves.—Is it not written, My house shall be called the house of prayer to all nations? But you have made it a den of thieves.

THE hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless the grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone. But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world, keepeth it unto life eternal. If any man minister to me, let him follow me; and where I am, there also shall my minister be. If any man minister to me, him will my Father honour. Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour. But for this cause I came unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.

THIS voice came not because of me, but for your sake.

Now is the judgment of the world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself.

YET a little while, the light is among you. Walk whilst you have the light, that the darkness overtake you not. And he that walketh in darkness, knoweth not whither he goeth. Whilst ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

HE that believeth in me, doth not believe in me, but in him that sent me. And he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world ; that whosoever believeth in me, may not remain in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and keep them not, I do not judge him : for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that despiseth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him ; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself ; but the Father who sent me, he gave me commandment what I should

say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting. The things therefore that I speak, even as the Father said unto me, so do I speak.

MAY no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever.—May no man hereafter eat fruit of thee any more for ever.

HAVE faith in God.—Amen I say to you, if you shall have faith, and stagger not, not only this of the fig-tree shall you do, but also if you shall say to this mountain, Take up and cast thyself into the sea, it shall be done. And all things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.—Therefore I say unto you, all things whatsoever you ask when ye pray, believe that you shall receive: and they shall come unto you. And when you stand to pray, forgive, if you have aught against any man; that your Father also, who is in heaven, may forgive you your sins. But if you will not forgive, neither will your Father that is in heaven forgive you your sins.

I ALSO will ask you one word, which if you shall tell me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or from men? . . . Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

BUT what think you? A certain man had two sons; and coming to the first, he said: Son, go and work to-day in my vineyard. And he answering, said: I will not. But afterwards, being moved with repentance, he went. And coming to the other, he said in like manner. And he answering, said: I go, sir; and went not. Which of the two did his father's will? . . . Amen I say to you, that the publicans and the harlots shall go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of justice, and you did not believe him. But the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye seeing it, did not even afterwards repent, that you might believe him.

THERE was a man an householder, who

planted a vineyard, and made a hedge round about it, and dug a wine-vat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen,—and went into a far country :—and he was abroad for a long time. And—when the time of the fruits drew nigh,—he sent to the husbandmen a servant to receive of the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. Who having laid hands on him, beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent to them another servant; and him they wounded in the head, and treated reproachfully. And again he sent another, and him they killed: and many others, of whom some they beat, and others they killed.—Then the lord of the vineyard said: What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be, when they see him, they will reverence him. Whom when the husbandmen saw, they thought within themselves, saying: This is the heir; let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. So casting him out of the vineyard, they killed him. What, therefore, will the lord of the vineyard do to them?

He will come, and will destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard to others.

HAVE you never read in the Scriptures : The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner : this is the Lord's doing ; and it is wonderful in our eyes ? Therefore I say to you, that the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and shall be given to a nation yielding the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone, shall be broken : but on whomsoever it shall fall, it shall grind him to powder.

THE kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who made a marriage for his son. And he sent his servants, to call them that were invited to the marriage ; and they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying : Tell them that were invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner ; my beeves and fatlings are killed, and all things are ready : come ye to the marriage. But they neglected, and went their ways,

one to his farm, and another to his merchandise. And the rest laid hands on his servants, and having treated them contumeliously, put them to death. But when the king heard of it, he was angry, and sending his armies, he destroyed those murderers, and burnt their city. Then he saith to his servants : The marriage indeed is ready ; but they that were invited were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways ; and as many as you shall find, call to the marriage. And his servants went forth into the ways, and gathered together all that they found, both bad and good ; and the marriage was filled with guests. And the king went in to see the guests : and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he saith to him : Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having on a wedding garment ? But he was silent. Then the king said to the servants : Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into outer darkness : there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.

WHY do you tempt me, ye hypocrites? Whose image and superscription is this? . . . Render therefore to Cesar the things that are Cesar's; and to God the things that are God's.

You err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they shall neither marry nor be married; but shall be as the angels of God in heaven.—The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: but they that shall be accounted worthy of that world, and of the resurrection from the dead, shall neither be married, nor take wives. Neither can they die any more: for they are equal to the angels, and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.—And as concerning the dead that they rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spoke to him, saying: I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live to him.—Ye therefore do greatly err.

THE first commandment of all is, Hear, O Israel : the Lord thy God is one God ; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind, and with thy whole strength.—This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like to it : Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments dependeth the whole law and the prophets.—There is no other commandment greater than these. . . . Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.

How do the scribes say, that Christ is the Son of David? For David himself saith by the Holy Ghost : The Lord said to my Lord, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord, and whence is he then his son?

THE scribes and the Pharisees sit on the chair of Moses. All things therefore whatsoever they shall say to you, observe and do : but according to their works do ye not ;

for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy and insupportable burdens, and lay them on men's shoulders; but with a finger of their own they will not move them. And all their works they do to be seen of men. For they make their phylacteries broad, and enlarge their fringes. And they love the first places at feasts, and the first chairs in the synagogues, and salutations in the market-place, and to be called by men, Rabbi. But be not you called Rabbi. For one is your master; and all ye are brethren. And call none your father upon earth: for one is your father, who is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your master, Christ. He that is the greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

BEWARE of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and love salutations in the market-place, and the first chairs in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts:

who devour widows' houses, feigning long prayer. These shall receive greater damnation.

AMEN I say to you, this poor widow hath cast in more than all they who have cast into the treasury. For all they did cast in of their abundance : but she of her want hath cast in all she had, even her whole living.

SEEST thou all these great buildings ?—These things which you see, the days will come in which there shall not be left a stone upon a stone that shall not be thrown down.

TAKE heed that no man seduce you : for many will come in my name saying, I am Christ—and the time is at hand :—and they will seduce many. Go ye not therefore after them. And when you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, fear ye not. For such things must needs be ; but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.—And there shall be great earthquakes in divers

places, and pestilences, and famines, and terrors from heaven; and there shall be great signs.—These things are the beginning of sorrows.

BUT look to yourselves. For—before all these things—they will lay hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to councils and into prisons;—and in the synagogues you shall be beaten, and you shall stand before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony unto them.—Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall put you to death: and you shall be hated by all nations for my name's sake.—Lay it up therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before how you shall answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to resist and gainsay.—And when they shall lead you and deliver you up, be not thoughtful beforehand what you shall speak; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye. For it is not you that speak, but the Holy Ghost.—And then shall many

be scandalised : and shall betray one another ; and shall hate one another.—And you shall be betrayed by your parents and brethren, and kinsmen and friends ; and some of you they will put to death.—And the brother shall betray his brother unto death, and the father his son ; and children shall rise up against parents, and work their death. And you shall be hated by all men for my name's sake.—But a hair of your head shall not perish. In your patience ye shall possess your souls.—And many false prophets shall arise, and shall seduce many. And because of the abounding of iniquity, the charity of many shall grow cold. But he that shall persevere to the end, he shall be saved.

AND this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to the whole world, for a testimony to all nations, and then shall the consummation come. When therefore you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place : he that

readeth, let him understand ;—and when you shall see Jerusalem compassed about with an army :—then know that the desolation thereof is at hand. Then let those who are in Judea, flee to the mountains ; and those who are in the midst thereof, depart out ; and those who are in the country-parts, not enter into it.—And let him that is on the housetop, not go down into the house, nor enter therein to take anything out of the house : and let him that shall be in the field, not turn back to take up his garment.—For these are the days of vengeance, that all things may be fulfilled that are written. But wo to them that are with child, and give suck in those days ; for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.—But pray that your flight be not in the winter, nor on the Sabbath.—For in those days shall be such tribulations as were not from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, neither shall be. And unless the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh should be saved : but for the sake of the elect whom

he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

AND they shall fall by the edge of the sword ; and shall be led away captive into all nations ; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, till the times of the nations be fulfilled.

THEN if any man shall say to you : Lo here is Christ, or there, do not believe him. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect. Behold I have told you beforehand. If therefore they shall say to you : Behold he is in the desert ; go ye not out : Behold he is in the inner chambers ; believe it not. For as lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together.

AND immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and

the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven :—there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars ; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves ; men withering away for fear, and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world : for the powers of heaven shall be moved.—And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven : and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn ; and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty. And he shall send his angels with a trumpet, and a great voice : and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds—from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

BUT when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand.—Now of the fig-tree learn ye a parable. When the branch thereof is now tender, and the

leaves are come forth, you know that summer is very near; so you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know ye that it is very nigh, even at the doors;—know that the kingdom of God is at hand.—Amen I say to you, that this generation shall not pass away, until all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away.

BUT of that day or hour no man knoweth, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father.—Take heed to yourselves, lest perhaps your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly. For as a snare shall it come upon all that sit upon the face of the whole earth. Watch ye, therefore, praying at all times, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are to come, and to stand before the Son of man.—Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is.

Even as a man who going into a far country, left his house ; and gave authority to his servants over every work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore, (for you know not when the lord of the house cometh : at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning,) lest coming on a sudden, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you I say to all : Watch.

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be like to ten virgins ; who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride. And five of them were foolish, and five wise. But the five foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them : but the wise took oil in their vessels with the lamps. And the bridegroom tarrying, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made : Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise : Give us of your oil, for our

lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying : Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Now whilst they went to buy, the bridegroom came : and they that were ready, went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. But at last come also the other virgins, saying : Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answering, said : Amen I say to you, I know you not. Watch ye therefore, because ye know not the day nor the hour.

FOR even as a man going into a far country, called his servants, and delivered to them his goods. And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to every one according to his proper ability : and straightway took his journey. And he that had received the five talents, went his way, and traded with the same, and gained other five. And in like manner he that had received the two gained other two. But he that had received the one, going his way, dug in the earth, and

hid his lord's money. But after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reckoned with them. And he that had received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying : Lord, thou didst deliver to me five talents ; behold I have gained other five over and above. His lord said to him : Well done, good and faithful servant ; because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And he also that had received the two talents came and said : Lord, thou deliveredst two talents to me ; behold I have gained other two. His lord said to him : Well done, good and faithful servant ; because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy lord. But he that had received the one talent came and said : Lord, I know that thou art a hard man ; thou reapest where thou hast not sown, and gatherest where thou hast not strewed. And being afraid, I went and hid thy talent in the earth : behold here thou hast

that which is thine. And his lord answering, said to him: Wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sow not, and gather where I have not strewed. Thou oughtest therefore to have committed my money to the bankers; and at my coming I should have received my own with usury. Take ye away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him that hath ten talents. For to every one that hath shall be given, and he shall abound; but from him that hath not, that also which he seemeth to have shall be taken away. And the unprofitable servant cast ye out into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

WHEN the Son of man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his majesty: and all nations shall be gathered together before him, and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats

on his left. Then shall the king say to them that shall be on his right hand: Come, ye blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in: naked, and you covered me: sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me. Then shall the just answer him, saying: Lord, when did we see thee hungry, and fed thee? thirsty, and gave thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and covered thee? Or when did we see thee sick or in prison, and came to thee? And the king answering, shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it unto me. Then he shall say to them also that shall be on his left hand: Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, which was prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you gave me not to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave

me not to drink : I was a stranger, and you took me not in : naked, and you covered me not : sick and in prison, and you did not visit me. Then they also shall answer him, saying : Lord, when did we see thee hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to thee ? Then he shall answer them, saying : Amen I say to you, as long as you did it not to one of these least, neither did you do it unto me. And these shall go into everlasting punishment : but the just, into life everlasting.

You know that after two days shall be the pasch, and the Son of man shall be delivered up to be crucified.

Go, and prepare for us the pasch, that we may eat. . . . Behold, as you go into the city, there shall meet you a man carrying a pitcher of water : follow him into the house where he entereth in. And you shall say to the good-man of the house : The master saith to thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I may eat the pasch with my disci-

ples? And he will show you a large upper-room, furnished; and there prepare.

WITH desire I have desired to eat this pasch with you, before I suffer. For I say to you, that from this time I will not eat it, till it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. . . . Take, and divide it among you : for I say to you, that I will not drink of the fruit of the vine till the kingdom of God come.

WHAT I do, thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter. . . . If I wash thee not, thou shalt have no part with me. . . . He that is washed, needeth not but to wash his feet, but is clean wholly. And you are clean, but not all. . . . Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord ; and ye say well, for so I am. If then I, being your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that as I have done to you, so you do also.

TAKE ye, this is my Body.

TAKE ye, and eat : this is my Body.

THIS is my Body, which is given for you : do this for a commemoration of me.

TAKE ye, and eat : this is my Body, which shall be delivered for you : this do for the commemoration of me.

DRINK ye all of this. For this is my Blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many for the remission of sins. And I say to you, I will not drink from henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.

THIS is my Blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many. Amen I say to you, that I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it new in the kingdom of God.

THIS is the Chalice, the new testament in my Blood, which shall be shed for you.

THIS Chalice is the new testament in my

Blood : this do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of me.

AMEN, amen, I say to you : The servant is not greater than his lord ; neither is the apostle greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, ye shall be blessed if ye do them. I speak not of you all : I know whom I have chosen. But that the scripture may be fulfilled : He that eateth bread with me, shall lift up his heel against me. At present I tell you, before it come to pass ; that when it shall come to pass, you may believe that I am he. Amen, amen, I say to you, he that receiveth whomsoever I send, receiveth me ; and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me. . . Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you shall betray me.—Amen I say to you, one of you that eateth with me shall betray me.—One of the twelve, who dippeth with me his hand in the dish.—He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, he shall betray me.—And the Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him :—according to that which

is determined; but wo to that man by whom the Son of man shall be betrayed. It were better for him if that man had not been born. . . . He it is to whom I shall reach bread dipped. . . . Thou hast said. . . . That which thou doest, do quickly.

Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God also will glorify him in himself; and immediately will he glorify him.

THE kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and they that have power over them are called benefactors. But ye not so: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger; and he that is the leader, as he that serveth. For which is greater, he that sitteth at table, or he that serveth? Is not he that sitteth at table? But I am in the midst of you, as he that serveth: and ye are they who have continued with me in my temptations: and I grant unto you, as my Father hath granted unto me, a kingdom; that you may eat and

drink at my table, in my kingdom : and may sit upon thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

SIMON, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat : but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not : and thou, being once converted, confirm thy brethren.

LITTLE children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek me ; and as I said to the Jews : Whither I go, ye cannot come ; so I now say to you. A new commandment I give unto you : That you love one another ; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another.

WHITHER I go, thou canst not follow me now ; but thou shalt follow hereafter.

ALL you shall be scandalised in me this night. For it is written : I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

WILT thou lay down thy life for me? Amen, amen, I say to thee, the cock shall not crow, till thou deny me thrice.—Amen I say to thee, to-day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.—I say to thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, till thou thrice deniest that thou knowest me.

WHEN I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, did you want anything? . . . But now he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a scrip; and he that hath not a sword, let him sell his coat, and buy one. For I say to you, that this which is written must yet be fulfilled in me: And with the wicked was he reckoned. For the things concerning me have an end. . . . It is enough.

LET not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many mansions. If not, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I shall go, and prepare a place for you, I will come

again, and will take you to myself; that where I am, you also may be. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

I AM the way, and the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would without doubt have known my Father also: and from henceforth you shall know him, and you have seen him.

So long a time have I been with you, and have ye not known me? Philip, he that seeth me, seeth the Father also. How sayest thou, show us the Father? Do ye not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak to you, I speak not of myself. But the Father who abideth in me, he doeth the works. Believe ye not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? Otherwise believe for the very works' sake. Amen, amen, I say to you, he that believeth in me, the works that I do, he also shall do; and greater than these shall he do: because I go to the Father. And whatso-

ever you shall ask the Father in my name, that will I do : that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you shall ask me anything in my name, that I will do.

IF ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he shall give you another Paraclete, that he may abide with you for ever ; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, nor knoweth him : but you shall know him ; because he shall abide with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you orphans ; I will come to you. Yet a little while : and the world seeth me no more. But you see me : because I live, and ye shall live. In that day you shall know, that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them ; he it is that loveth me. And he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father : and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. . . . If any one love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will

love him, and we will come to him, and will make our abode with him. He that loveth me not, keepeth not my words. And the word which you have heard is not mine; but the Father's who sent me. These things have I spoken to you, while abiding with you. But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard that I said to you: I go away, and I come unto you. If you loved me, you would most surely be glad, because I go to the Father: for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass: that when it shall come to pass, you may believe. I will not now speak many things with you. For the prince of this world cometh, and in me he hath not anything. But that the world may know that I love the Father: and as

the Father hath given me commandment, so do I. Arise, let us go hence.

I AM the true vine ; and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me, that beareth not fruit, he will take away : and every branch that beareth fruit, he will purge it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean by reason 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 abide in the vine, so neither can ye, unless you abide in me. I am the vine ; ye the branches : he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit : for without me you can do nothing. If any one abide not in me, he shall be cast forth as a branch, and shall wither, and they shall gather him up, and cast him into the fire, and he burneth. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you. In this is my Father glorified ; that you bring forth very much fruit, and become my disciples. As

the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; as I also have kept my Father's commandments, and do abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do the things that I command you. I will not now call you servants: for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth. But I have called you friends: because all things whatsoever I have heard of my Father, I have made known to you. You have not chosen me: but I have chosen you; and have appointed you, that you should go, and should bring forth fruit; and your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hate you, know

ye, that it hath hated me before you. If you had been of the world, the world would love its own : but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember my word that I said to you : The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you : if they have kept my word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for my name's sake : because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come, and spoken to them, they would not have sin ; but now they have no excuse for their sin. He that hateth me, hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no other man hath done, they would not have sin ; but now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father. But that the word may be fulfilled which is written in their law : They hated me without cause. But when the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceedeth from the

Father, he shall give testimony of me. And you shall give testimony, because you are with me from the beginning.

THESE things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalised. They will put you out of the synagogues : yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do to you ; because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things I have told you, that when the hour shall come you may remember that I told you of them. But I told you not these things from the beginning, because I was with you. And now I go to him that sent me, and none of you asketh me : Whither goest thou ? But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth : it is expedient for you that I go : for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you : but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he is come, he will convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judg-

ment. Of sin : because they believed not in me. And of justice : because I go to the Father ; and you shall see me no longer. And of judgment : because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you : but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will teach you all truth. For he will not speak of himself ; but what things soever he shall hear, he will speak ; and the things that are to come, he will show you. He shall glorify me ; because he shall receive of mine, and shall show it to you. All things whatsoever the Father hath, are mine. Therefore I said, that he shall receive of mine, and show it to you. A little while, and you shall not see me ; and again a little while, and you shall see me : because I go to the Father. . . . Of this do you inquire among yourselves, because I said : A little while, and you shall not see me ; and again a little while, and you shall see me ? Amen, amen, I say to you, that you shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice ; and you shall be

made sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in labour, hath sorrow, because her hour is come ; but when she hath brought forth her child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. So also you now indeed have sorrow ; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice ; and your joy no man shall take from you. And in that day you shall not ask me anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, if you ask the Father anything in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto you have not asked anything in my name. Ask, and you shall receive ; that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in proverbs. The hour cometh, when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will show you plainly of the Father. In that day you shall ask in my name ; and I say not to you, that I will ask the Father for you : for the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father,

and am come into the world : again I leave the world, and go to the Father. . . . Do you now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, and it is now come, that you shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall 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 shall have tribulation : but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

FATHER, the hour is come, glorify thy Son, that thy Son may glorify thee. As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he may give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life : that they may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on earth ; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now glorify thou me, O Father, with thyself, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name to the men whom

thou hast given me out of the world. Thine they were, and to me thou gavest them; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known, that all things which thou hast given me, are from thee : Because the words which thou gavest me, I have given to them; and they have received them, and have known in very deed that I came forth from thee, and have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them : I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me : because they are thine : and all things mine are thine, and thine are mine ; and I am glorified in them. And now I am not in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name whom thou hast given me ; that they may be one, as we also are. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name. Those whom thou gavest me have I kept ; and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition, that the Scripture may be fulfilled. And now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in them-

selves. I have given them thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world ; as I also am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil. They are not of the world, as I also am not of the world. Sanctify them in truth. Thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for them do I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. And not for them only do I pray, but for those also who through their word shall believe in me ; that they all may be one, as thou, Father, in me, and I in thee ; that they also may be one in us ; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou hast given me, I have given to them ; that they may be one, as we also are one : I in them, and thou in me ; that they may be made perfect in one : and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast also loved me. Father, I will that

where I am, they also whom thou hast given me may be with me ; that they may see my glory which thou hast given me, because thou hast loved me before the creation of the world. Just Father, the world hath not known thee ; but I have known thee : and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have made known thy name to them, and will make it known ; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

SIT ye here, while I pray,—till I go yonder and pray. . . . My soul is sorrowful even unto death : Stay ye here, and watch with me. . . . Pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

FATHER, if thou wilt, remove this chalice from me : But yet not my will, but thine be done.—My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me. Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.—Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee ; remove this chalice from me : but not what I will, but what thou wilt.

SIMON, sleepest thou? couldst thou not watch one hour? Watch ye, and pray that you enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. . . . What? could ye not watch one hour with me? . . . Why sleep ye? arise, and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

MY Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, thy will be done.

SLEEP ye now, and take your rest. It is enough: the hour is come; behold the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go. Behold, he that will betray me is at hand.

FRIEND, whereto art thou come? . . . Judas, dost thou betray the Son of man with a kiss?

WHOM seek ye? . . . I am he. . . . Whom seek ye? . . . I have told you that I am he. If therefore you seek me, let these go their way. . . . Suffer ye thus far. . . . Put up thy sword into the scabbard. The chalice which

my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?—Put up thy sword again into its place : for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot ask my Father, and he will give me presently more than twelve legions of angels? How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that so it must be done?

ARE ye come out, as it were against a thief, with swords and clubs? When I was daily with you in the temple, you did not stretch forth your hands against me : but this is your hour, and the power of darkness. . . . But that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.

I HAVE spoken openly to the world : I have always taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither all the Jews resort ; and in secret I have spoken nothing. Why askest thou me ? ask them who have heard what I have spoken unto them : behold, they know what things I have said. . . . If I have spoken evil, give testimony of the evil ; but if well, why smitest thou me ?

IF I shall tell you, you will not believe me. And if I shall also ask you, you will not answer me, nor let me go. But hereafter the Son of man shall sit on the right hand of the power of God. . . . Thou hast said it.—You say that I am. . . . I am. And you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

SAYEST thou this thing of thyself, or have others told it thee of me? . . . My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would certainly strive that I should not be delivered to the Jews : but now my kingdom is not from hence. . . . Thou sayest that I am a king. For this was I born, and for this came I into the world ; that I should give testimony to the truth. Every one that is of the truth, heareth my voice. . . . Thou wouldest not have any power against me, unless it were given thee from above. Therefore, he that hath delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

DAUGHTERS of Jerusalem, weep not for me ; but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For behold, the days shall come, wherein they will say : Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that have not borne, and the paps that have not given suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains : Fall upon us ; and to the hills : Cover us. For if they do these things in the green wood, what shall be done in the dry ?

FATHER, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

AMEN I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise.

WOMAN, behold thy son. . . . Behold thy mother.

ELI, Eli, lamma sabacthani ? . . . My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?

I THIRST.

It is consummated.

FATHER, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

WOMAN, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? . . . Mary. . . . Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brethren, and say to them: I ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

ALL hail. . . . Fear not. Go, tell my brethren that they go into Galilee; there shall they see me.

WHAT are these discourses that you hold one with another as you walk, and are sad? . . . O foolish, and slow of heart to believe in all things which the prophets have spoken. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into his glory?

PEACE be to you: it is I; fear not. . . . Why are you troubled, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle and see: for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see me to have. . . . Have you here anything to eat? . . . Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. . . . Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall

forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.

PEACE be to you. . . . Put in thy finger hither, and see my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and put it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. . . . Because thou hast seen me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they who have not seen, and have believed.

CHILDREN, have ye any meat? . . . Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and you shall find. . . . Bring hither of the fishes which you have now caught. . . . Come, and dine. . . . Simon, son of John, lovest thou me more than these? . . . Feed my lambs. . . . Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? . . . Feed my lambs. . . . Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? . . . Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to thee, when thou wast young, thou didst gird thyself, and didst walk whither thou wouldest. But when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and lead thee whither thou

wouldest not. . . . Follow me. . . . So I will have him to remain till I come, what is it to thee? follow thou me.

ALL power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.—Go ye into the whole world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved: but he that believeth not, shall be condemned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name they shall cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues: they shall take up serpents: and if they shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover.

DEPART not from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you have

heard by my mouth. For John indeed baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

THESE are the words which I spoke to you while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled which are written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.—Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead the third day: and that penance and remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And I send the promise of my Father upon you: but stay you in the city, until you be endued with power from on high.

It is not for you to know the times or the moments which the Father hath put in his own power: But you shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth.

SAUL, Saul, why persecutest thou me? I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.—It is hard for thee to kick against the goad.—But rise up, and stand upon thy feet : for to this end have I appeared unto thee, that I may make thee a minister, and a witness of those things which thou hast seen, and of those things wherein I will appear to thee ; delivering thee from the people, and from the nations, unto which I now send thee ; to open their eyes, that they may be converted from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and a lot among the saints, by the faith that is in me. Arise, and go to Damascus ; and there it shall be told thee of all things that thou must do.

ANANIAS, arise, and go into the street that is called Strait, and seek in the house of Judas one named Saul of Tarsus. For behold he prayeth. . . . Go thou ; for this man is to me a vessel of election, to carry my name before the gentiles, and kings,

and the children of Israel. For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

ARISE, Peter, kill and eat. . . . That which God hath cleansed call not thou common.

MAKE haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem ; because they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. . . . Go, for unto the Gentiles afar off will I send thee.

MY grace is sufficient for thee ; for power is made perfect in infirmity.

Do not fear, but speak ; and hold not thy peace, because I am with thee : and no man shall set upon thee to hurt thee ; for I have much people in this city.

BE constant ; for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

I AM alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. . . . What thou seest, write in a book, and send to the seven churches which are in Asia ; to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamus, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

FEAR not. I am the First and the Last, and alive, and was dead ; and behold I live for ever and ever, and have the keys of death and of hell. Write, therefore, the things which thou hast seen, and which are, and which must be done hereafter. The mystery of the seven stars, which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches. And the seven candlesticks are the seven churches.

UNTO the angel of the church of Ephesus write : These things saith he, who holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks : I know thy works,

and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them that are evil, and thou hast tried them, who say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and thou hast patience, and hast endured for my name, and hast not fainted. But I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first charity. Be mindful, therefore, from whence thou art fallen; and do penance, and do the first works. Or else I come to thee, and will move thy candlestick out of its place, except thou do penance. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaites, which I also hate. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches: To him that overcometh, I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of my God.

AND to the angel of the church of Smyrna write: These things saith the First and the Last: who was dead, and is alive: I know thy tribulation and thy poverty, but thou art rich; and thou art blasphemed by them

that say they are Jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the devil will cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried : and you shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches : He that shall overcome, shall not be hurt by the second death.

AND to the angel of the church of Pergamus write : These things saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword : I know where thou dwellest, where the seat of Satan is : and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith. Even in those days when Antipas was my faithful witness, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have against thee a few things : because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel, to eat, and to commit

fornication : so hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaites. In like manner do penance : or else I will come to thee quickly, and will fight against thee with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches : to him that overcometh, I will give the hidden manna, and will give him a white counter, and in the counter a new name written, which no man knoweth, but he that receiveth it.

AND to the angel of the church of Thyatira write : These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like to a flame of fire, and his feet are like to fine brass. I know thy works, and thy faith, and thy charity, and thy ministry, and thy patience, and thy last works, which are more than the former. But I have against thee a few things ; because thou sufferest the woman Jezabel, who calleth herself a prophetess, to teach, and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat of things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her a time

that she might do penance, and she will not repent of her fornication. Behold, I will cast her into a bed : and they that commit adultery with her shall be in very great tribulation, except they do penance from their deeds. And I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He that searcheth the reins and hearts, and I will give to every one of you according to your works. But to you I say, and to the rest who are at Thyatira : Whosoever have not this doctrine, and who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will not put upon you any other burden. Yet that which you have, hold fast till I come. And he that shall overcome, and keep my works unto the end, I will give him power over the nations ; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, and as the vessel of a potter they shall be broken, as I also have received of my Father : and I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

AND to the angel of the church of Sardis write : These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars : I know thy works, that thou hast the name of being alive, and thou art dead. Be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, which are ready to die. For I find not thy works full before my God. Have in mind, therefore, in what manner thou hast received and heard : and observe, and do penance. If, then, thou shalt not watch, I will come to thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know at what hour I will come to thee. But thou hast a few names in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments : and they shall walk with me in white, because they are worthy. He that shall overcome, shall thus be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his Angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

AND to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write : These things saith the holy one and the true, he that hath the key of David ; he that openeth, and no man shutteth ; that shutteth, and no man openeth : I know thy works. Behold, I have set before thee a door opened, which no man can shut : because thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will bring of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie. Behold, I will make them to come and adore before thy feet. And they shall know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon the whole world to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly ; hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. He that shall overcome, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God ; and he shall go out no more ; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city

of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

AND to the angel of the church of Laodicea write : These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, who is the beginning of the creation of God : I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wert cold or hot. But because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will begin to vomit thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest : I am rich and made wealthy, and have need of nothing : and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be made rich, and mayest be clothed in white garments, and that the shame of thy nakedness may not appear ; and anoint thou thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see. Those whom I love, I rebuke and

chastise. Be zealous, therefore, and do penance. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock. If any man shall hear my voice, and open to me the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that shall overcome, I will give to sit with me on my throne : as I also have overcome, and am seated with my Father on his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

BEHOLD, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

BEHOLD, I make all things new.

WRITE ; for these words are most faithful and true. . . . It is done. I am alpha and omega ; the beginning and the end. To him that thirsteth I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that shall overcome shall possess these things, and I will be his God ; and he shall

be my son. But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their portion in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

BEHOLD I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book. . . . He that is unjust, let him be unjust still : and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still : and he that is just, let him be justified still : and he that is holy, let him be sanctified still. Behold, I come quickly ; and my reward is with me, to render to every man according to his works. I am alpha and omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are they that wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb ; that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. Without are dogs, and sorcerers, and unchaste, and murderers, and servers of idols, and every one that loveth

and maketh a lie. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the root and stock of David, the bright and morning star..... Surely I come quickly: Amen.

THE END.

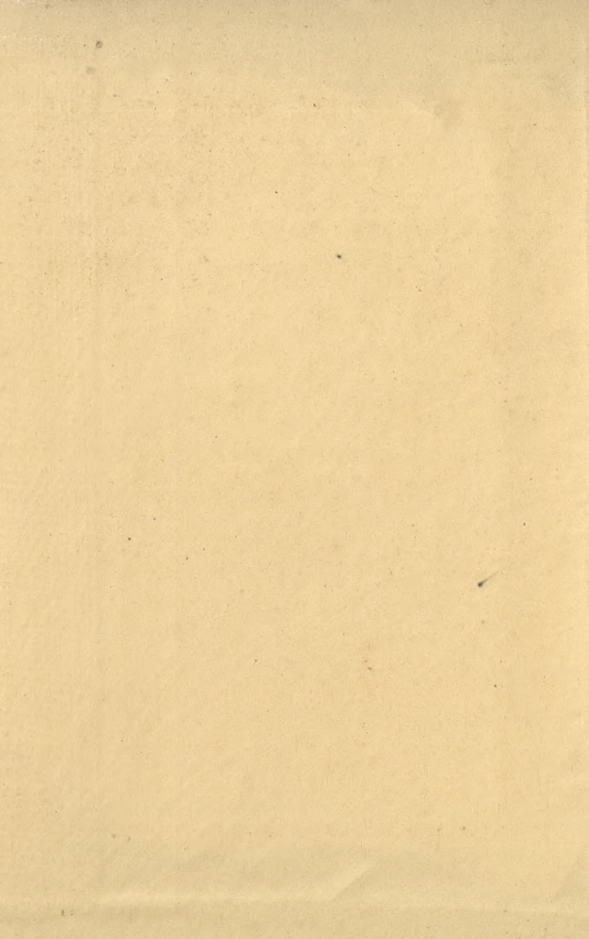
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