

## The Gospel According to Mark

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send  
my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy  
way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
5 Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight --"  
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a  
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there  
went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people  
of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river  
10 Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with  
camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and  
ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After  
me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals  
I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized  
15 you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."  
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was  
baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out  
of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the  
Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came  
20 from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well  
pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the  
wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days,  
tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and  
the angels ministered to him. Now after John was  
25 arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel  
of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the  
Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

1 And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and  
Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for  
they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and  
I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately  
5 they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little  
farther, he saw James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother,  
who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he  
called them; and they left their father Zeb'edee in the  
boat with the hired servants, and followed him. And they  
10 went into Caper'naum; and immediately on the sabbath he entered  
the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at his  
teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and  
not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue  
a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you  
15 to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy  
us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus  
rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And  
the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud  
voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that  
20 they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this?  
A new teaching! With authority he commands even the unclean  
spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread  
everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.  
And immediately he left the synagogue, and entered the house  
25 of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-  
in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him  
of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her  
up, and the fever left her; and she served them. That evening,  
at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed

1 with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about  
the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases,  
and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons  
to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, a great  
5 while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and  
there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him pursued  
him, and they found him and said to him, "Every one is searching  
for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next  
towns, that I may preach there also: for that is why I came  
10 out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their  
synagogues and casting out demons. And a leper came to him  
beseeching him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you  
can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his  
hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be clean."  
15 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.  
And he sternly charged him, and sent him away at once, and  
said to him, "See that you say nothing to any one; but go,  
show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what  
Moses commanded, for a proof to the people." But he went  
20 out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news,  
so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was  
out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.  
And when he returned to Caper'naum after some days, it was  
reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together,  
25 so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the  
door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came,  
bringing to him, a paralytic carried by four men. And when  
they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed

1 the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they  
let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when  
Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son,  
your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting  
5 there, questioning in their hearts. "Why does this man speak  
thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"  
And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they  
thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you  
question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the  
10 paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take  
up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the  
Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he said to  
the paralytic -- "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and  
go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and  
15 went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and  
glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" He  
went out again beside the sea; and all the crowd gathered about  
him, and he taught them. And as he passed on, he saw Levi the  
son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him,  
20 "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at  
table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were sitting  
with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many who followed him.  
And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was  
eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples,  
25 "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when  
Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no  
need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call  
the righteous, but sinners." Now John's disciples and the  
Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him,  
30 "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees

1 fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to  
them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is  
with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them,  
they cannot fast. The days will come, when the bridegroom  
5 is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.  
No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; if  
he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old,  
and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old  
wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the  
10 wine is lost, and so are the skins; but new wine is for fresh  
skins." One sabbath he was going through the grainfields;  
and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck ears of  
grain. And the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing  
what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have  
15 you never read what David did, when he was in need and was  
hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the  
house of God, when Abi'athar was high priest, and ate the  
bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the  
priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?"  
20 And he said to them, "The sabbath was made for man, not man  
for the sabbath; so the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath."  
Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had  
a withered hand. And they watched him, to see whether he  
would heal him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him.  
25 And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come here."  
And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good  
or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.  
And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their  
hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

1 He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees  
went out, and immediately held counsel with the Hero'dians  
against him, how to destroy him. Jesus withdrew with his  
disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee  
5 followed; also from Judea and Jerusalem and Idume'a and from  
beyond the Jordan and from about Tyre and Sidon a great multi-  
tude, hearing all that he did, came to him. And he told his  
disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd,  
lest they should crush him; for he had healed many, so that  
10 all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. And  
whenever the unclean spirits beheld him, they fell down before  
him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." And he strictly  
ordered them not to make him known. And he went up into the  
hills, and called to him those whom he desired; and they came  
15 to him. And he appointed twelve, to be with him, and to be  
sent out to preach and have authority to cast out demons:  
Simon whom he surnamed Peter; James the son of Zeb'edee and  
John the brother of James, whom he surnamed Bo-aner'ges,  
that is, sons of thunder; Andrew and Philip, and Bartholomew,  
20 and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and  
Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot, who  
betrayed him. Then he went home; and the crowd came together  
again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family  
heard it, they went out to seize him, for they said, "He is  
25 beside himself." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem  
said, "He is possessed by Be-el'zebul, and by the prince of  
demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him,  
and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?  
If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot  
30 stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house

1 will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against  
himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an  
end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder  
his goods, unless he first binds the strong man; then indeed  
5 he may plunder his house. Truly, I say to you, all sins  
will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies  
they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit  
never has forgiveness, but is guilty of eternal sin" --  
for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." And his mother  
10 and his brothers came; and standing outside they sent to him  
and called him. And a crowd was sitting about him; and they  
said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, asking  
for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and brothers?"  
And looking around on those who sat about him, he said, "Here  
15 are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God  
is my brother, and sister, and mother." Again he began to teach  
beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him,  
so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the  
whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he taught  
20 them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to  
them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,  
some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured  
it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it had not much  
soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of  
25 soil; and when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it  
had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns  
and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.  
And other seeds fell into good soil and brought forth grain,  
growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold

1 and a hundredfold." And he said, "He who has ears to hear,  
let him hear." And when he was alone, those who were about  
him with the twelve asked him concerning the parables. And  
he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the  
5 kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables;  
so that they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed  
hear but not understand; lest they should turn again, and be  
forgiven." And he said to them, "Do you not understand this  
parable? How then will you understand all the parables?  
10 The sower sows the word. And these are the ones along the  
path, where the word is sown; when they hear, Satan immediately  
comes and takes away the word which is sown in them. And these  
in like manner are the ones sown upon rocky ground, who, when  
they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; and they  
15 have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when  
tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word,  
immediately they fall away. And others are the ones sown among  
thorns; they are those who hear the word, but the cares of  
the world, and the delight in riches, and the desire for other  
20 things, enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.  
But those that were sown upon the good soil are the ones who  
hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and  
sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said to them, "Is a  
lamp brought in to be put under a bushel, or under a bed, and  
25 not on a stand? For there is nothing hid, except to be made  
manifest; nor is anything secret, except to come to light.  
If any man has ears to hear, let him hear." And he said to  
them, "Take heed what you hear; the measure you give will be the  
measure you get, and still more will be given to you. For to him



1 who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even  
what he has will be taken away." And he said, "The kingdom  
of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground,  
and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should  
5 sprout and grow, he knows not how. The earth produces of  
itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain  
in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in  
the sickle, because the harvest has come." And he said,  
"With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable  
10 shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which,  
when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds  
on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the  
greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that  
the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many  
15 such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to  
hear it; he did not speak to them without a parable, but  
privately to his own disciples he explained everything. On  
that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go  
across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took  
20 him with them, in the boat, just as he was. And other boats  
were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves  
beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.  
But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke  
him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?"  
25 And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,  
"Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a  
great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you  
no faith?" And they were filled with awe, and said to one  
another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

1 They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the  
Ger'asenes. And when he had come out of the boat, there  
met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who  
lived among the tombs; and no one could bind him any more,  
5 even with a chain; for he had often been bound with fetters  
and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the fetters  
he broke in pieces; and no one had strength to subdue him.  
Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always  
crying out, and bruising himself with stones. And when he saw  
10 Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped him; and crying out with  
a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus,  
Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment  
me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you  
unclean spirit!" And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"  
15 He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." And he  
begged him eagerly not to send them out of the country. Now  
a great herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside;  
and they begged him, "Send us to the swine, let us enter them."  
So he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and  
20 entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand,  
rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in  
the sea. The herdsmen fled, and told it in the city and  
in the country. And people came to see what it was that had  
happened. And they came to Jesus, and saw the demoniac sitting  
25 there, clothed and in his right mind, the man who had had the  
legion; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told  
what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine. And they  
began to beg Jesus to depart from their neighborhood. And  
as he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed

1 with demons begged him that he might be with him. But he  
refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell  
them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had  
mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the  
5 Decap'olis how much Jesus had done for him; and all men marveled.  
And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other  
side, a great crowd gathered about him; and he was beside the  
sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Ja'irus by  
name; and seeing him, he fell at his feet, and besought  
10 him saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death.  
Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well,  
and live." And he went with him. And a great crowd followed  
him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had,  
a flow of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much  
15 under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and  
was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports  
about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched  
his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments,  
I shall be made well." And immediately the hemorrhage ceased;  
20 and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.  
And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone forth  
from him, immediately turned about in the crowd, and said,  
"Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him,  
"You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who  
25 touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it.  
But the woman, knowing what had been done to her, came in fear  
and trembling and fell down before him, and told him the  
whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has  
made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

1 While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house  
some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher  
any further?" But ignoring what they said, Jesus said to the  
ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he  
5 allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John  
the brother of James. When they came to the house of the  
ruler of the synagogue, he saw a tumult, and people weeping  
and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them,  
"Why do you make a tumult and weep? The child is not dead  
10 but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all  
outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who  
were with him, and went in where the child was. Taking her  
by the hand he said to her, "Tal'itha cu'mi" which means,  
"Little girl, I say to you arise," And immediately the girl  
15 got up and walked; for she was twelve years old. And immediately  
they were overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them  
that no one should know this, and told them to give her  
something to eat. He went away from there and came to his  
own country; and his disciples followed him. And on the sabbath  
20 he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him  
were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this?  
What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought  
by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and  
brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not  
25 his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.  
And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor,  
except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in  
his own house." And he could do no mighty work there,  
except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and  
30 healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief.

1 And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called  
to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and  
gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged  
them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no  
5 bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals  
and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Where you  
enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. And if  
any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you,  
when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for  
10 a testimony against them." So they went out and preached that  
men should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed  
with oil many that were sick and healed them. King Herod heard  
of it; for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the  
baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these  
15 powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah."  
And the others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the  
prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John,  
whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and  
seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of  
20 Hero'di-as, his brother Philip's wife; because he had married  
her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to  
have your brother's wife." And Hero'di-as had a grudge against  
him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod  
feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man,  
25 and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed;  
and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when  
Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and  
officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Hero'di-as'  
daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests;  
30 and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish,

1 and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask  
me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went  
out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said,  
"The head of John the baptizer." And she came in immediately  
5 with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give  
me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And  
the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his  
guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately  
the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring  
10 his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought  
his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl  
gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they  
came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The apostles  
returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and  
15 taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a  
lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and  
going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went  
away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many  
saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot  
20 from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he landed  
he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because  
they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach  
them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came  
to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the hour is now  
25 late; send them away, to go into the country and villages  
round about and buy themselves something to eat." But he  
answered them, "You give them something to eat." And  
they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred  
denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?"

1 And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see."  
And when they had found out they said, "Five, and two fish."  
Then he commanded them all to sit down by companies upon the  
green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and  
5 by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he  
looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke the loaves, and  
gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and he  
divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were  
satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken  
10 pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were  
five thousand men. Immediately he made his disciples get  
into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Beth-sa'ida,  
while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave  
of them, he went into the hills to pray. And when evening  
15 came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the  
land. And he saw that they were distressed in rowing, for the  
wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night  
he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them,  
but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was  
20 a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw him, and were terrified.  
But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is  
I; have no fear." And he got into the boat with them and the  
wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did  
not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.  
25 And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes'aret,  
and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat,  
immediately the people recognized him, and ran about the whole  
neighborhood and began to bring sick people on their pallets  
to any place where they heard he was. And wherever he came,

1 in villages, cities, or country, they laid the sick in the  
market places, and besought him that they might even touch  
the fringe of his garment; and as many touched it were  
made well. Now when the Pharisees gathered to him,  
5 with some of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, they  
saw that some of his disciples ate with hands defiled, that  
is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not  
eat unless they wash their hands, observing the tradition  
of the elders; and when they come from the market place, they  
10 do not eat unless they purify themselves; and there are many  
other traditions which they observe, the washing of cups and  
pots and vessels of bronze.) And the Pharisees and the scribes  
asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the  
tradition of the elders, but eat with hands defiled?" And he  
15 said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites,  
as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but  
their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching  
as doctrines the precepts of men.' You leave the commandment  
of God, and hold fast to the tradition of men." And he said to  
20 them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of  
God, in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor  
your father and your mother'; and, 'He who speaks evil of father  
or mother, let him surely die'; but you say, 'If a man tell  
his father or his mother, 'What you would have gained from me  
25 is Corban' (that is given to God) -- then you no longer permit  
him to do anything for his father and mother, thus making void  
the word of God through your tradition which you hand on.  
And many such things you do." And he called the people to  
him again, and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand:



1 there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can  
defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what  
defile him." And when he had entered the house, and left  
the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And  
5 he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding?  
Do you not see that whatever goes into a man from outside  
cannot defile him, since it enters, not his heart but his  
stomach, and so passes on?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)  
And he said, "What comes out of a man is what defiles a man.  
10 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts,  
fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness,  
deceit, licentiousness envy, slander, pride, foolishness.  
All these evil things come from within, and they defile a  
man." And from there he arose and went away to the region of  
15 Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house, and would not have  
any one know it; yet he could not be hid. But immediately a  
woman, whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit,  
heard of him, and came and fell down at his feet. Now the  
woman was a Greek, a Syrophoeni'cian by birth. And she begged  
20 him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to  
her, "Let the children first be fed, for it is not right to  
take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she  
answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table  
eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this  
25 saying you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter."  
And she went home, and found the child lying in bed, and the  
demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and  
went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region

1 of the Decap'olis. And they brought to him a man who was  
deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought  
him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the  
multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and  
5 he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he  
sighed, and said to him, "Eph'phatha," that is, "Be opened."  
And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he  
spoke plainly. And he charged them to tell no one; but the  
more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.  
10 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done  
all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb  
speak." In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered,  
and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him,  
and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, because  
15 they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat;  
and if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint  
on the way; and some of them have come a long way." And his  
disciples answered him, "How can one feed these men with bread  
here in the desert?" And he asked them, "How many loaves have  
20 you?" They said, "Seven." And he commanded the crowd to sit  
down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and  
having given thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples  
to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd.  
And they had a few small fish; and having blessed them, he  
25 commanded that these also should be set before them. And they  
ate, and were satisfied; and they took up the broken pieces  
left over, seven baskets full. And there were about four  
thousand people. And he sent them away; and immediately he  
got into the boat with his disciples, and went to the district  
30 of Dalmanu'tha. The Pharisees came and began to argue with him,

1 seeking from him a sign from heaven, to test him. And he  
sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, "Why does this generation  
seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to  
this generation." And he left them, and getting into the boat  
5 again he departed to the other side. Now they had forgotten  
to bring bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the  
boat. And he cautioned them, saying, "Take heed, beware of  
the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." And  
they discussed it with one another, saying, "We have no bread."  
10 And being aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why do you discuss  
the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or  
understand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you  
not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not  
remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand,  
15 how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?"  
They said to him, "Twelve." "And the seven for the four  
thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take  
up?" And they said to him, "Seven." And he said to them,  
"Do you not yet understand?" And they came to Beth-sa'ida.  
20 And some people brought to him a blind man, and begged him  
to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led  
him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes and  
laid his hands upon him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?"  
And he looked up and said, "I see men; but they look like trees,  
25 walking." Then again he laid his hands upon his eyes; and he  
looked intently and was restored, and saw everything clearly.  
And he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even enter  
the village." And Jesus went on with his disciples to the  
villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he asked his

1 disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" And they told him,  
"John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one  
of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that  
I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he  
5 charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach  
them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected  
by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be  
killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this  
plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But  
10 turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said,  
"Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of  
men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and  
said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny  
himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever  
15 would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life  
for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it  
profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?  
For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever  
is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful  
20 generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when  
he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."  
And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some  
standing here who will not taste death before they see the  
kingdom of God come with power." And after six days Jesus  
25 took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a  
high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured  
before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely  
white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there

1 appeared to them Eli'jah with Moses; and they were talking to  
Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we  
are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for  
Moses and one for Eli'jah." For he did not know what to say,  
5 for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed  
them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved  
Son; listen to him." And suddenly looking around they no longer  
saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming  
down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they  
10 had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead.  
So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the  
rising from the dead meant. And they asked him, "Why do the  
scribes say that first Eli'jah must come?" And he said to  
them, "Eli'jah does come first to restore all things; and how  
15 is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many  
things and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that  
Eli'jah has come, and they did to him what ever they pleased,  
as it is written of him." And when they came to the disciples,  
they saw a great crowd about them, and scribes arguing with  
20 them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were  
greatly amazed, and ran up to him and greeted him. And he  
asked them, "What are you discussing with them?" And one of  
the crowd answered him, "Teacher. I brought my son to you,  
for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it  
25 dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes  
rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they  
were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless  
generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am  
I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought

1 the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it  
convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about  
foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long  
has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has  
5 often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy  
him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us."  
And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible  
to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child  
cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when  
10 Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the  
unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit,  
I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again."  
And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out,  
and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is  
15 dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and  
he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples  
asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he  
said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but  
prayer." They went on from there and passed through Galilee.  
20 And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his  
disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered  
into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is  
killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not  
understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him. And  
25 they came to Caper'na-um; and when he was in the house he asked  
them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they were silent;  
for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the  
greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said

1 to them, "If any one would be first, he must be last of all  
and servant of all." And he took a child, and put him in the  
midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them,  
"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and  
5 whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."  
John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons  
in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following  
us." But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him; for no one who does  
a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak  
10 evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us. For  
truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to  
drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means  
lose his reward. Whoever causes one of these little ones  
who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a  
15 great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown  
into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off;  
it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands  
to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot  
causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter  
20 life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And  
if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better  
for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with  
two eyes to be thrown into hell, where their worm does not  
die, and the fire is not quenched. For every one will be salted  
25 with fire. Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltiness,  
how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be  
at peace with one another." And he left there and went to the  
region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to  
him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them. And  
30 Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful

1 for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did  
Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write  
a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." But Jesus  
said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this  
5 commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made  
them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his  
father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall  
become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What  
therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder."  
10 And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.  
And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries  
another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces  
her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And  
they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and  
15 the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indig-  
nant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not  
hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly,  
I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like  
a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and  
20 blessed them, laying his hands upon them. And as he was setting  
out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and  
asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal  
life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No  
one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do  
25 not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear  
false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"  
And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have observed from  
my youth." And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him,



1 "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the  
poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow  
me." At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away  
sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked  
5 around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for  
those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the  
disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them  
again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!  
It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle  
10 than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they  
were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can  
be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is  
impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with  
God." Peter began to say to him, "Lo, we have left everything  
15 and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there  
is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother  
or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,  
who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses  
and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands,  
20 with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.  
But many that are first will be last, and the last first."  
And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus  
was walking ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those  
who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he  
25 began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold,  
we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be  
delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will  
condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles;

1 and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and  
kill him; and after three days he will arise." And James and  
John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to  
him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of  
5 you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for  
you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your  
right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus  
said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you  
able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the  
10 baptism with which I am baptized? And they said to him, "We  
are able." And Jesus said to them. "The cup that I drink you  
will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will  
be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine  
to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And  
15 when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.  
And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those  
who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and  
their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be  
so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your  
20 servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.  
For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and  
to give his life as a ransom for many." And they came to Jericho;  
and as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great  
multitude, Bartimae'us, a blind beggar, the son of Timae'us,  
25 was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was  
Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David,  
have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent;  
but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

1 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the  
blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling  
you." And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to  
Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for  
5 you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my  
"sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has  
made you well." And immediately he received his sight and  
followed him on the way. And when they drew near to Jerusalem,  
to Beth'phage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of  
10 his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you,  
and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which  
no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If any one says to  
you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and  
will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away, and  
15 found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they  
untied it. And those who stood there said to them, "What are  
you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus  
had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt  
to Jesus, and threw their garments on it, and he sat upon  
20 it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others  
spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.  
And those who went before and those who followed cried out,  
"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!  
25 Hosanna in the highest!" And he entered Jerusalem, and went  
into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything,  
as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.  
On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was

1 hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he  
went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came  
to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season  
for figs. And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from  
5 you again." And his disciples heard it. And they came to  
Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out  
those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he  
overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of  
those who sold pigeons; and he would not allow any one to  
10 carry anything through the temple. And he taught, and said  
to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house  
of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den  
of robbers." And the chief priests and the scribes heard it  
and sought a way to destroy him; for they feared him, because  
15 all the multitude was astonished at his teaching. And when  
evening came they went out of the city. As they passed by  
in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its  
roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, "Master, look!  
The fig tree which you cursed has withered." And Jesus answered  
20 them, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says  
to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and  
does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he  
says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore,  
I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive  
25 it, and you will. And whenever you stand praying, forgive,  
if you have anything against any one; so that your Father  
also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

1 And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in  
the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders  
came to him, and they said to him, "By what authority are you  
doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?"  
5 Jesus said to them, "I will ask you a question; answer me,  
and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was  
the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me."  
And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,'  
he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But shall we  
10 say, 'From men'?" -- they were afraid of the people, for all  
held that John was a real prophet. So they answered Jesus,  
"We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I  
tell you by what authority I do these things." And he began  
to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, and  
15 set a hedge around it, and dug a pit for the wine press, and  
built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another  
country. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants,  
to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. And they took  
him and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent  
20 to them another servant, and they wounded him in the head, and  
treated him shamefully. And he sent another, and him they killed;  
and so with many others, some they beat and some they killed. He  
had still one other, a beloved son; finally he sent him to them,  
saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one  
25 another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheri-  
tance will be ours.' And they took him and killed him and cast  
him out of the vineyard. What will the owner of the vineyard do?

1 He will come and destroy the tenants, and give the vineyard  
to others. Have you not read this scripture: 'The very stone  
which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner;  
this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

5 And they tried to arrest him, but feared the multitude, for  
they perceived that he had told the parable against them; so  
they left him and went away. And they sent to him some of the  
Pharisees and some of the Hero'di-ans, to entrap him in his  
talk. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that  
10 you are true, and care for no man; for you do not regard the  
position of men, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful  
to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should  
we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put  
me to the test? Bring me a coin and let me look at it." And  
15 they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and  
inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus  
said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's  
and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at  
him. And Sad-ducees came to him, who say that there is no  
20 resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher,  
Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a  
wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the wife, and raise  
up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the  
first took a wife, and when he died left no children; and the  
25 second took her and died, leaving no children; and the third  
likewise; and the seven left no children. Last of all the woman  
also died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the

1 seven had her as a wife." Jesus said to them, "Is not this why  
you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power  
of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor  
are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as  
5 for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses,  
in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the  
God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He  
is not God of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong."  
And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one  
10 another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which  
commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is,  
'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall  
love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your  
soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The  
15 second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There  
is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said  
to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is  
one, and there is no other but he; and to love him with all the  
heart, and with all the understanding; and with all the strength,  
20 and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole  
burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he  
answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom  
of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any question.  
And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes  
25 say that the Christ is the son of David? David himself, inspired  
by the Holy Spirit, declared, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at  
my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet.' David

1 himself calls him Lord; so how is he his son?" And the great  
throng heard him gladly. And in his teaching he said, "Beware  
of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and to  
have salutations in the market places and the best seats in  
5 the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour  
widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They  
will receive the greater condemnation." And he sat down  
opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money  
into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And  
10 a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a  
penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them,  
"Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than  
all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they  
all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her  
15 poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."  
And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said  
to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful  
buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great  
buildings?! There will not be left here one stone upon another,  
20 that will not be thrown down." And as he sat on the Mount of  
Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and  
Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be,  
and what will be the sign when these things are all to be  
accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "Take heed  
25 that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name,  
saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And  
when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed;



1 this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation  
will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;  
there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be  
famines; this is but the beginning of the birth-pangs. But  
5 take heed to yourselves; for they will deliver you up to  
councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will  
stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testi-  
mony before them. And the gospel must first be preached to  
all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver  
10 you up, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say;  
but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not  
you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver  
up brother to death, and the father his child, and children  
will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you  
15 will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures  
to the end will be saved. But when you see the desolating  
sacrilege set up where it ought not to be (let the reader  
understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the  
mountains; let him who is on the housetop not go down, nor  
20 enter his house to take anything away; and let him who is  
in the field not turn back to take his mantle. And alas for  
those who are with child and for those who give suck in those  
days! Pray that it may not happen in winter. For in those  
days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the  
25 beginning of the creation which God created until now, and  
never will be. And if the Lord had not shortened the days,  
no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect,

1 whom he chose, he shortened the days. And then if any one  
says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there  
he is!' do not believe it. False Christs and false prophets  
will arise and show signs and wonders, to lead astray, if  
5 possible, the elect. But take heed; I have told you all  
things beforehand. But in those days, after that tribu-  
lation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give  
its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and  
the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will  
10 see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and  
glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his  
elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to  
the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson; as  
soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves,  
15 you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these  
things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very  
gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass  
away before all these things take place. Heaven and earth  
will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of  
20 that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in  
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch;  
for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a  
man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his  
servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the  
25 doorkeeper to be on the watch. Watch therefore -- for you do  
not know when the master of the house will come, in the  
evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning --

1       lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say I say  
to all: Watch." It was now two days before the Passover and  
the feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the  
scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth, and kill  
5       him; for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be a tumult  
of the people." And while he was at Bethany in the house of  
Simon the leper, as he sat at table, a woman came with an alabaster  
flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask  
and poured it over his head. But there were some who said to  
10       themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment thus wasted? For  
this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred  
denarii, and given to the poor." And they reproached her. But  
Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done  
a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you,  
15       and whenever you will, you can do, good to them; but you will not  
always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my  
body beforehand for burying. And truly, I say to you, wherever  
the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will  
be told in memory of her." Then Judas Iscariot, who was one  
20       of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray  
him to them. And when they heard it they were glad, and  
promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to  
betray him. And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when  
they sacrificed the passover lamb, his disciples said to him,  
25       "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the  
passover?" And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them,  
"Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will  
meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the

1 householder, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where  
I am to eat the passover with my disciples?' And he will show  
you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for  
us." And the disciples set out and went to the city, and  
5 found it as he had told them; and they prepared the passover.  
And when it was evening he came with the twelve. And as they  
were at table eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one  
of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began  
to be sorrowful, and to say to him one after another, "Is it  
10 I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is  
dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of man  
goes as it was written of him, but woe to that man by whom  
the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for  
that man if he had not been born." And as they were eating,  
15 he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them,  
and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and  
when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all  
drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the  
covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you,  
20 I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that  
day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." And when they  
had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And  
Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away; for it is written,  
'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'  
25 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."  
Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will  
not." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very  
night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three  
times." But he said vehemently, "If I must die with you,

1 I will not deny you." And they all said the same. And they  
went to a place which was called Gethsem'ane; and he said to  
his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." And he took with  
him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed  
5 and troubled. And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful,  
even to death; remain here, and watch." And going a little  
farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were  
possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, "Abba,  
Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from  
10 me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt." And he came and  
found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you  
asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that  
you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing,  
but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed,  
15 saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping,  
for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what  
to answer him. And he came the third time, and said to them,  
"Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough;  
the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands  
20 of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at  
hand." And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas  
came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and  
clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.  
Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one  
25 I shall kiss is the man; seize him and lead him away under guard."  
And when he came, he went up to him at once, and said, "Master!"  
And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him, and seized him.

1 But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck  
the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus  
said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with  
swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with  
5 you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But  
let the scriptures be fulfilled." And they all forsook him,  
and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a  
linen cloth about his body; and they seized him, but he left  
the linen cloth and ran away naked. And they led Jesus to the  
10 high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the  
scribes were assembled. And Peter had followed him at a distance,  
right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting  
with the guards, and warming himself at the fire. Now the  
chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against  
15 Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many  
bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree.  
And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying,  
"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made  
with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made  
20 with hands.'" Yet not even so did their testimony agree.  
And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus,  
"Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify  
against you?" But he was silent and made no answer. Again  
the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the  
25 Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son  
of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with  
the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garment  
and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard

1 his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned  
him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him, and to  
cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!"  
And the guards received him with blows. And as Peter was  
5 below in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest came;  
and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said,  
"You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it,  
saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And  
he went out into the gateway. And the maid saw him, and  
10 began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of  
them." But again he denied it. And after a little while  
again the bystanders said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of  
them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a  
curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom  
15 you speak." And immediately the cock crowed a second time.  
And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the  
cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he  
broke down and wept. And as soon as it was morning the chief  
priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council  
20 held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away  
and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "Are you  
the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said  
so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And  
Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make?" See  
25 how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no  
further answer, so that Pilate wondered. Now at the feast  
he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked.

1 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in  
the insurrection, there was a man called Barab'bas. And  
the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont  
to do for them. And he answered them, "Do you want me to release  
5 for you the king of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out  
of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the  
chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for  
them Barab'bas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then  
what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the  
10 Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify him." And Pilate  
said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted  
all the more, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy  
the crowd, released for them Barab'bas; and having scourged  
Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led  
15 him away inside the palace (that is, the praetorium); and  
they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed  
him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put  
it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the  
Jews!" And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon  
20 him, and they knelt down in homage to him. And when they had  
mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his  
own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.  
And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyre'ne, who was coming  
in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry  
25 his cross. And they brought him to the place called Gol-gotha  
(which means the place of the skull). And they offered him wine  
mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified  
him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them



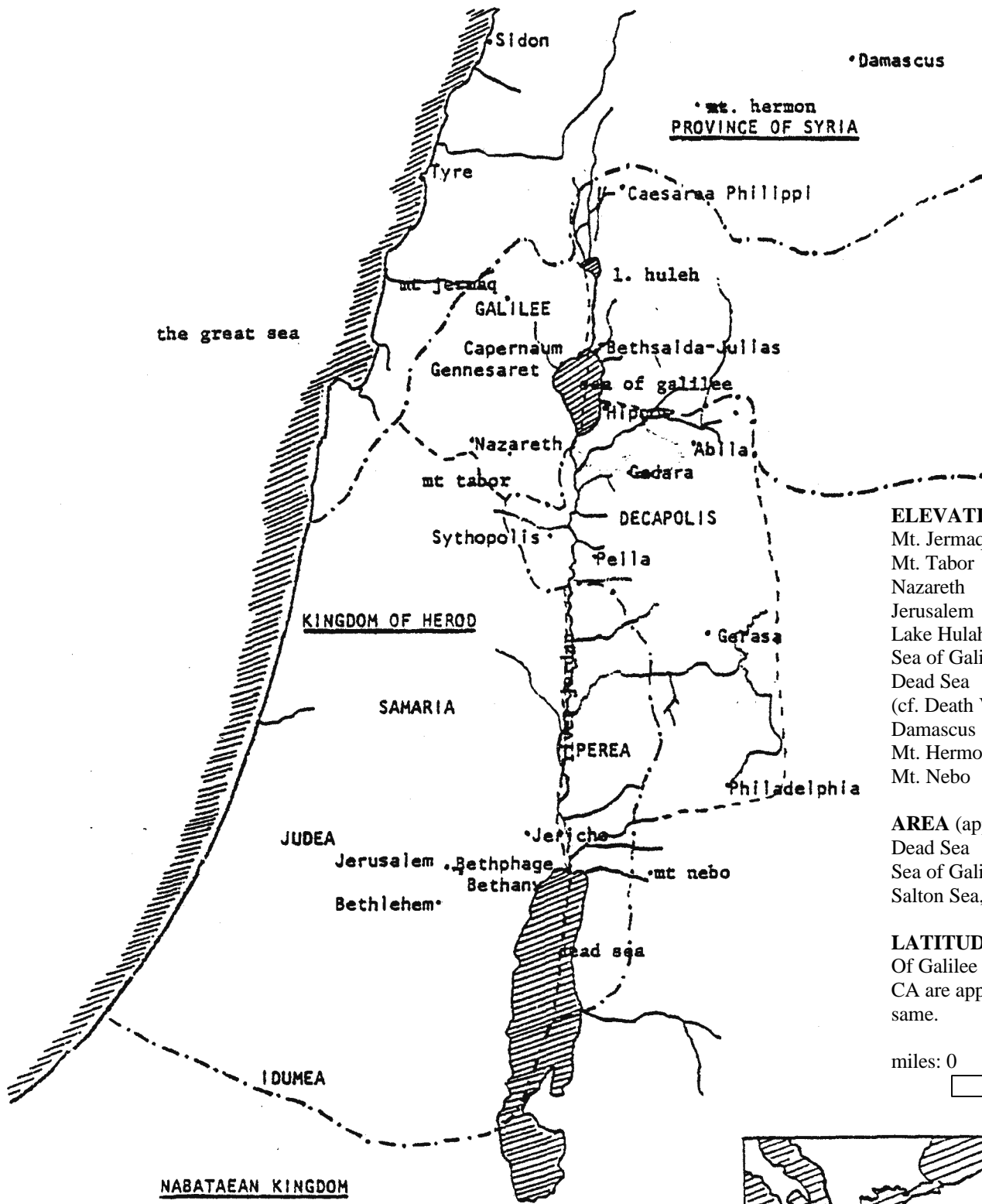
1 to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour,  
when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge  
against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they  
crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.  
5 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and  
saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it  
in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"  
So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the  
scribes, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself.  
10 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the  
cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified  
with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come,  
there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.  
And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "E'lo-i,  
15 E'lo-i, la'ma sabach-tha'ni?" which means, "My God, my God,  
why has thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing  
it said, "Behold, he is calling Eli'jah." And one ran and,  
filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave  
it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Eli'jah  
20 will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry,  
and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn  
in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood  
facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said, "Truly  
this man was the son of God!" There were also women looking on  
25 from afar, among whom were Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother  
of James the younger and of Joses, and Salo'me, who, when he  
was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered to him; and  
also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

1 And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation,  
that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathe'a,  
a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking  
for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and  
5 asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were  
already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether  
he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that  
he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a  
linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen  
10 shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the  
rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.  
Mary Mag'dalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was  
laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and  
Mary the mother of James, and Salo'me, bought spices, so that  
15 they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first  
day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen.  
And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the  
stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they  
saw that the stone was rolled back -- it was very large.  
20 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the  
right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed.  
And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of  
Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here;  
see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples  
25 and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you  
will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled  
from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon  
them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

1 Other texts and versions add the following page: Now when  
he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first  
to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.  
She went out and told those who had been with him, as they mourned  
5 and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been  
seen by her, they would not believe it. After this he appeared  
in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the  
country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not  
believe them. Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as  
10 they sat at table; and he upbraided them for their unbelief and  
hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw  
him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the  
world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes  
and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will  
15 be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe:  
in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new  
tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly  
thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick;  
and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken  
20 to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand  
of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord  
worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that  
attended it. Amen.

In place of the above, other ancient authorities add the following:

But they reported briefly to Peter and those with him all that they had  
been told. And after this, Jesus himself sent out by means of them,  
from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal  
salvation.



**ELEVATIONS** (in ft.)

Mt. Jermaq	3,962
Mt. Tabor	1,929
Nazareth	1,245
Jerusalem	2,693
Lake Hulah	223
Sea of Galilee	-695
Dead Sea	-1,285
(cf. Death Valley)	-282
Damascus	3,769
Mt. Hermon	9,232
Mt. Nebo	2,630

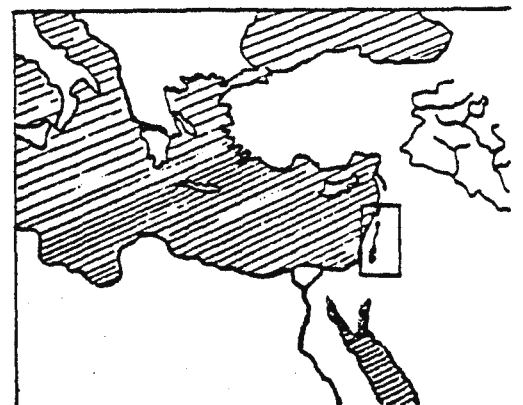
**AREA** (approximate)

Dead Sea	43x9 miles
Sea of Galilee	13x7 mi.
Salton Sea, CA	30x10 mi.

**LATITUDES**

Of Galilee and San Diego, CA are approximately the same.

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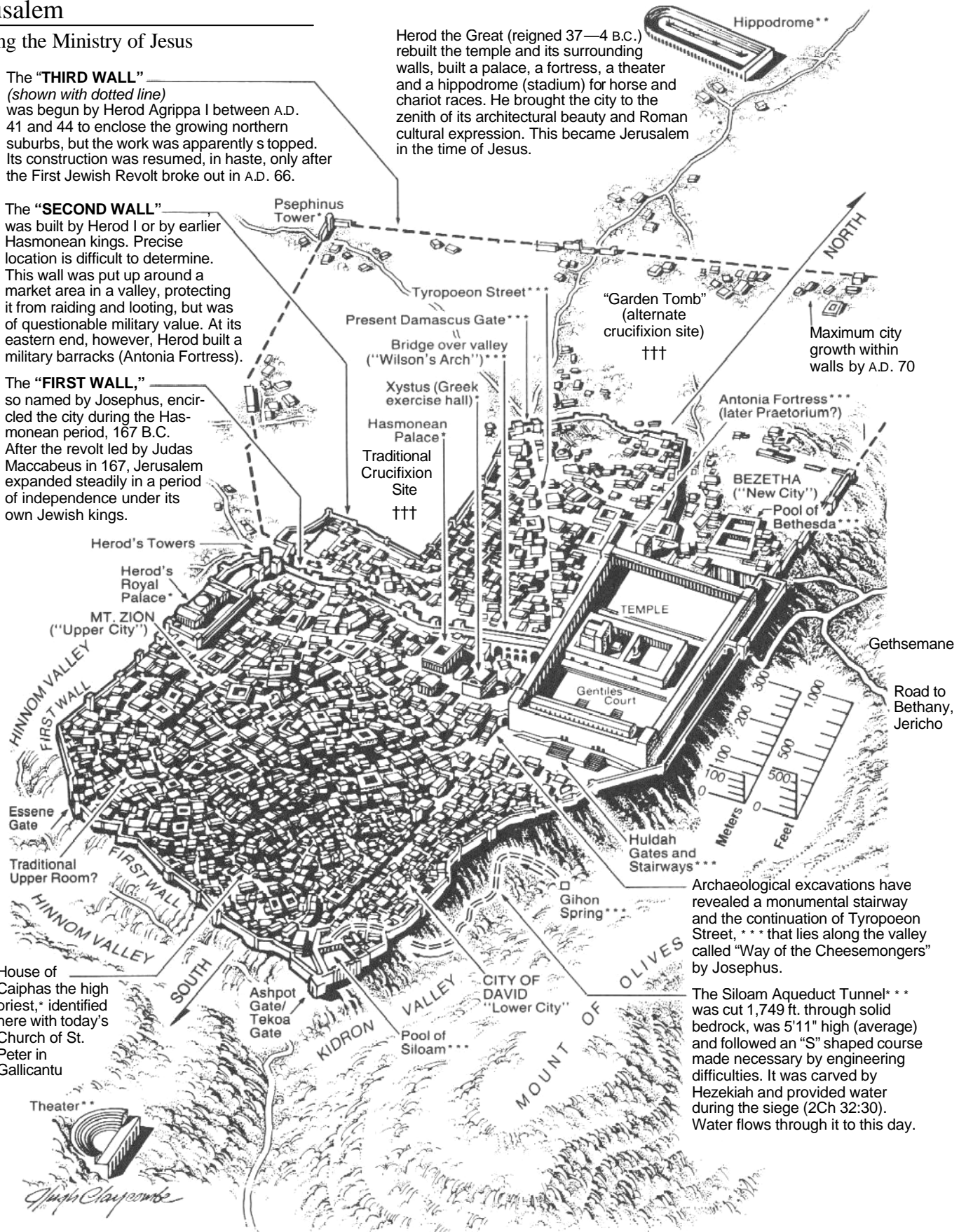
## During the Ministry of Jesus

The **"THIRD WALL"** (shown with dotted line) was begun by Herod Agrippa I between A.D. 41 and 44 to enclose the growing northern suburbs, but the work was apparently stopped. Its construction was resumed, in haste, only after the First Jewish Revolt broke out in A.D. 66.

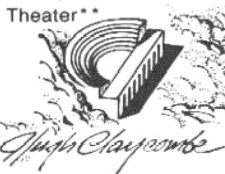
The **"SECOND WALL"** was built by Herod I or by earlier Hasmonean kings. Precise location is difficult to determine. This wall was put up around a market area in a valley, protecting it from raiding and looting, but was of questionable military value. At its eastern end, however, Herod built a military barracks (Antonia Fortress).

The **"FIRST WALL,"** so named by Josephus, encircled the city during the Hasmonean period, 167 B.C. After the revolt led by Judas Maccabeus in 167, Jerusalem expanded steadily in a period of independence under its own Jewish kings.

Herod the Great (reigned 37—4 B.C.) rebuilt the temple and its surrounding walls, built a palace, a fortress, a theater and a hippodrome (stadium) for horse and chariot races. He brought the city to the zenith of its architectural beauty and Roman cultural expression. This became Jerusalem in the time of Jesus.



House of Caiphas the high priest,\* identified here with today's Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu



Archaeological excavations have revealed a monumental stairway and the continuation of Tyropoeon Street, \*\*\* that lies along the valley called "Way of the Cheesemongers" by Josephus.

The Siloam Aqueduct Tunnel\* \*\* was cut 1,749 ft. through solid bedrock, was 5'11" high (average) and followed an "S" shaped course made necessary by engineering difficulties. It was carved by Hezekiah and provided water during the siege (2Ch 32:30). Water flows through it to this day.

\* Location generally known, but style of architecture is unknown; artist's concept only, and Roman architecture is assumed.

\*\* Location and architecture unknown, but referred to in written history; shown here for illustrative purposes.

\*\*\* Ancient feature has remained, or appearance has been determined from evidence.

Buildings, streets and roads shown here are artist's concept only unless otherwise named and located. Wall heights remain generally unknown, except for those surrounding the Temple Mount.

DEEP VALLEYS on the east, south and west permitted urban expansion only to the north.