# The Good News According to John

# Prologue

1 In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and what God was, the word was. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through it, and without it was not anything made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In it was life and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>A man came, sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came for testimony so that he might testify concerning the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but *came* that he might testify about the light.

<sup>9</sup>There was the true light, *even the light* which lights every man, coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe on his name, <sup>13</sup>who was born, not of bloods, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we saw his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup>John testifies about him, and cries, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is become before me, for he was before me." <sup>16</sup>For we all received of his fullness, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

# The Testimony of John the Baptist

<sup>19</sup>And this is the witness of John when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>And he confessed, and did not deny it, but he confessed, "I am not the Christ."<sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "Who are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he says, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" And he answered, "No."<sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say of yourself?"<sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord," as Isaiah the prophet said. <sup>24</sup>And they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>And they asked him, and said to him, "Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ,

neither Elijah, neither the prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, saying, "I baptize in water, *but* among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>*even* he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup>These things were done in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

#### Look! The Lamb of God

<sup>29</sup>On the next day he sees Jesus coming to him, and says, "Look! The Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who has surpassed me, for he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>And I did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing in water: in order that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, saying, "I have seen the spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>And I did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize in water, he said to me, 'He upon whom you see the spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he who baptizes in holy spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen *it*, and have testified, that this is the Son of God."

#### John's Disciples Follow Jesus

<sup>35</sup>Again on the next day John was standing, and two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and says, "Look!, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>And the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>And Jesus turned, and saw them following, and says to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi (which translated means "Teacher"), where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He says to them, "Come, and you will see." Therefore, they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day (it was about the tenth hour). <sup>40</sup>One of the two that heard what John had said, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>This one first finds his own brother Simon, and says to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means, "Christ"). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John, you will be called Cephas," (which is translated into Greek as "Peter").

#### **Philip and Nathanael**

<sup>43</sup>On the next day he wanted to go into Galilee, and he finds Philip, and Jesus says to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, from the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip finds Nathanael and says to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law, and *also* the prophets, wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>And Nathanael said to him, "Is any good thing able to come out of Nazareth?" Philip says to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw

Nathanael coming to him, and says of him, "Look!, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael says to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are King of Israel." <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, I saw you underneath the fig tree, you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he says to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Wedding in Cana: Water Into Wine

2 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Now Jesus also was invited to the wedding, and his disciples. <sup>3</sup>And when the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus says to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus says to her. "Woman, what is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother says to the servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it." <sup>o</sup>Now there were six stone water jars standing there, *used* for the purification *rites* of the Jews, containing two or three metretes, 20 or 30 gallons, apiece. 'Jesus says to them, "Fill the water jar with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>And he says to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the ruler of the feast." And they took it. <sup>9</sup>And when the ruler of the feast tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it was from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast calls the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and says to him, "Every man sets out the good wine first, and when *people* have drunk freely, then that which is inferior, but you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This beginning of his signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

# Jesus Moves to Capernaum

<sup>12</sup>After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and *his* brothers, and his disciples, and they stayed there not many days.

# Jesus Cleanses Temple (1<sup>st</sup> Time)

<sup>13</sup>And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And he found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the coin dealers sitting, <sup>15</sup>and he made a whip out of cords, and drove *them* all out of the Temple, also the sheep and the oxen, and he poured out the moneychangers' coins, and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And to those selling doves he said, "Take these things from here. Do not make my Father's house a house of merchandise." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, **Zeal** for your house will consume me.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign do you show to us, seeing that you are doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>Therefore the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary, and will you raise it up in three days?"<sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the sanctuary of his body. <sup>22</sup>Now when he was raised out from among the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in his name, seeing his signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew all *people*, <sup>25</sup>and because he did not need anyone to testify about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

#### Nicodemus Meets With Jesus

**3** Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, <sup>2</sup>who came to him at night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher *who has come* from God, for no one is able to do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he is not able to see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus says to him, "How is a man able to be born when he is old? *Surely* he is not able to enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and of spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God! <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be amazed that I said to you, you must be born from above. <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus answered and said to him, "How are these things able to happen?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the well-known teacher of Israel, and yet do not know these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak that which we know, and testify about what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

#### Salvation Through Jesus Christ

<sup>13</sup>And no one has gone up to heaven, but he who came down from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. <sup>14</sup>Even as Moses lifted up

the serpent in the desert, so it was necessary that the Son of Man was lifted up, <sup>15</sup>in order that whoever believes in him may have life in the Age to come. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have life in the Age to come. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>He who believes in him is not condemned. but he who does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who makes a practice of doing worthless *things* hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But he who is doing the truth comes to the light in order that his works may be plainly evident as having been carried out in connection with God.

# John Testifies About Jesus

<sup>22</sup>After these things Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judea, and he was spending some time with them there, and was baptizing. <sup>23</sup>And John also was baptizing in Enon near to Salim, because there was much water there, and they were coming and were being baptized. <sup>24</sup>For John had not yet been thrown into prison. <sup>25</sup>Then a dispute arose on the part of the disciples of John with a *certain* Jew about purification. <sup>26</sup>And they came to John, and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you beyond the Jordan, about whom you have testified, Look!, he is baptizing and all are coming to him."<sup>27</sup>John answered and said, "A person is not able to receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven. <sup>28</sup>You yourselves *can* testify about me, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but rather, 'I have been sent before him.' <sup>29</sup>He who has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, this joy of mine has been made full. <sup>30</sup>He must increase, but I must decrease.

<sup>31</sup>"He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth is of the earth, and of the earth he speaks. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup>He testifies about what he has seen and heard, and *yet* no one receives his testimony. <sup>33</sup>The one who has received his testimony has set his seal to *this*, that God is true. <sup>34</sup>For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he does not give the spirit by measure *to him*. <sup>35</sup>The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. <sup>36</sup>He who believes on the Son has life *in*  *the* Age *to come*, but he who defies the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman 4 Now when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John<sup>2</sup>(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but his disciples), 'he left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. <sup>4</sup>And it was necessary that he pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he comes to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph, <sup>6</sup>and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from his journey, was sitting just as he was by the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>There comes a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus says to her, "Give me to drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food). <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman therefore says to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask me for a drink, *I* being a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me to drink,' you would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman says to him, "Lord, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. From where then do you have that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater

than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never ever thirst, but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to life in the Age to come."<sup>15</sup>The woman says to him, "Lord, give me this water, so I will not get thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw *water*." <sup>16</sup>Jesus says to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."<sup>17</sup>The woman answered and said to him, "I have no husband." Jesus says to her, "You have rightly said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truly." <sup>19</sup>The woman says to him, "Lord, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, yet you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus says to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour comes when neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, will vou worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship that which you do not know. We worship that which we know, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such does the Father seek

to be his worshippers. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman says to him, "I know that *the* Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us everything." <sup>26</sup>Jesus says to her, "I who speak to you am *he*."

<sup>27</sup>And at this point his disciples came, and they were amazed that he was speaking with a woman, yet no man said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why do you speak with her?" <sup>28</sup>So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and says to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come see a man who told me everything I *ever* did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup>They went out of the city, and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup>In the meanwhile the disciples were asking him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him *something* to eat?"<sup>34</sup>Jesus says to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'There are still four months, and then comes the harvest?' Look!, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields-because they are already white to harvest. <sup>36</sup>He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for life in the Age to come, so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For in this

*case* the saying is true, "One sows and another reaps." <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that on which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>And from that city many of the Samaritans believed on him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all things that I *ever* did." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word, <sup>42</sup>and they said to the woman, "Now it is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

<sup>43</sup>And after the two days he went out from there into Galilee. <sup>44</sup>(Now Jesus himself testified, that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) <sup>45</sup>So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast, for they also went to the feast.

#### Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son

<sup>46</sup>Then he came again to Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to him and was asking him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of

death. <sup>48</sup>Therefore Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not ever believe." <sup>49</sup>The nobleman says to him, "Lord, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup>Jesus says to him, "Go your way, your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. <sup>51</sup>And as he was still going down, his servants met him, saying that his son lived.  $^{52}$ So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup>So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives," and he himself believed, and his whole house. <sup>54</sup>This is again a second sign that Jesus did when he had come out of Judea into Galilee.

#### Healing at Pool on the Sabbath

**5** After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, which has five porches. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, *and* withered. <sup>5</sup>And a certain man was there who had been in his infirmity *for* thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, he says to him, "Do you want to get well?"

I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me." <sup>8</sup>Jesus says to him, "Arise, take up your bed, and walk." <sup>9</sup>And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed and was walking around. Now it was *the* Sabbath on that day.

<sup>10</sup>So the Jews said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." <sup>11</sup>But he answered them, "The one who made me whole, that *man* said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk." <sup>12</sup>They asked him, "Who is the man that said to you, 'Take up *your bed*, and walk?" <sup>13</sup>But he who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away—there being a multitude in the place.

<sup>14</sup>Afterward Jesus finds him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have become whole. Do not sin any more, lest something worse happen to you!" <sup>15</sup>The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him whole. <sup>16</sup>And for this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

#### The Father and the Son

<sup>17</sup>But Jesus answered them, "My Father is always working even until now, and I am always working." <sup>18</sup>For this cause therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he not only was "breaking the Sabbath," but also was calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

<sup>19</sup>So Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is not able to do anything by himself but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. <sup>20</sup>For the Father is a friend to the Son, and shows him all *the* things that he is doing. And he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed. <sup>21</sup>For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he wants. <sup>22</sup>For the Father does not judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son<sup>23</sup>so that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has life in the Age to come, and does not come into condemnation, but has crossed over from death into life. <sup>25</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour comes, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup>For as the Father has life in himself, so He has given to the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup>And he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Do not be amazed at this, for the hour comes in which all who are

in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and will come forth; those who have done good, to the Resurrection of Life, and those who made a practice of doing worthless *things*, to the Resurrection of Condemnation. <sup>30</sup>I am not able to do anything on my own. As I hear, I judge. And my judgment is righteous because I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

<sup>31</sup>"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup>It is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony that he testifies about me is true. <sup>33</sup>You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. <sup>34</sup>Now I do not accept the testimony *that comes* from people, but I say these things in order that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup>He was the lamp that burns and shines, and you were willing to rejoice for a season in his light. <sup>36</sup>But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John, for the works that the Father has given me to accomplish-the very works that I do-testify about me, that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup>And the Father that sent me, he has testified about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time nor seen his form. <sup>38</sup>And you do not have his word residing in you, for you do not believe him whom he sent. <sup>39</sup>You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have life in the Age to come, and yet those are the ones that are testifying about me. <sup>40</sup>And *yet* you do not want to come to me so that you may have life.

<sup>41</sup>"I do not accept glory from people, <sup>42</sup>but I know you, that you do not have the love of God inside yourselves. <sup>43</sup>I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me, but if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. <sup>44</sup>How are you able to believe, *you* who accept glory from one another, and do not seek the glory that *comes* from the *one and* only God? <sup>45</sup>Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father, there is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup>For if you were believing Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup>But since you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

*The Feeding of the Five Thousand* 6 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea* of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a great multitude followed him because they saw the signs that he did on those who were sick. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus went up into the mountain, and he sat there with his disciples.

<sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>Jesus therefore, lifting up his eyes and seeing that a great multitude was coming to him, says to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread that these may eat?" <sup>6</sup>And he said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was about to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that everyone may take a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, says to him, <sup>9</sup> There is a young boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"<sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, he distributed to those who were seated, likewise also with the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they were filled, he says to his disciples, "Gather up the broken pieces which are left over, so that nothing is lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves that were left over by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup>Now when the people saw the sign that he did, they began to say *to one another*, "This is truly the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup>Therefore, when Jesus knew that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself alone.

# Jesus Walks on the Water

<sup>16</sup>And when evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup>and having entered into a boat, they were going across the lake to Capernaum. And it was now dark and vet Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>And the lake *began* to be stirred up because of a strong wind that was blowing. <sup>19</sup>Now when they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia, *about 3 miles*, they see Jesus walking on the lake and drawing near to the boat, and they were afraid. <sup>20</sup>But he says to them, "It is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Therefore, they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

#### I Am the Bread of Life

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the multitude that stood on the other side of the lake saw that there were no other boats there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples went away alone <sup>23</sup>(but other small boats came from Tiberius near the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks). <sup>24</sup>Therefore, when the multitude saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>And when they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food which endures to life *in the* Age *to come*, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on him the Father, God, has set his seal."

<sup>28</sup>Therefore, they said to him, "What must we do so that we are working the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God: that you believe on him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>Therefore they said to him, "Then what sign will you *show us* in order that we may see it and believe you? What work? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the desert, as it is written, **He gave them bread out of heaven to eat**." <sup>32</sup>Jesus therefore said to them,

"Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread out of heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread out of heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup>Therefore, they said to him, "Lord, give us this bread from now on." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never ever hunger, and he who believes on me will never ever thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All *those* whom the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will absolutely not cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him will have life *in the* Age *to come*, and I will raise him up at the last day."

<sup>41</sup>Therefore the Jews grumbled about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven." <sup>42</sup>And they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one is able to come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, And they will all be taught by God. Everyone who has heard from the Father, and has learned, comes to me, <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God, he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has life in the Age *to come*. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the desert, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down out of

heaven so that one may eat of it, and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>Therefore the Jews argued intensely with each other, saying, "How is this man able to give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>Therefore Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in you. <sup>54</sup>The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has life in the Age to come, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. <sup>56</sup>The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who eats me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down out of heaven, not as the fathers ate, and died. The one who eats this bread will live for ever." 59 These things he said in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

#### Many Disciples Withdraw

<sup>60</sup>Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard *this*, said, "This is a hard saying; who is able to hear it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Does this cause you to fall away? <sup>62</sup>Then *what* if you were to see the Son of Man coming up to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and are life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him). <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I have said to you that no one is able to come to me, unless it is given to him by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>From that *time* many of his disciples withdrew, and did not walk any more with him. <sup>67</sup>Therefore Jesus said to the twelve, "Will you also go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of life in *the* Age *to come*. <sup>69</sup>And we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God." <sup>70</sup>Jesus answered them, "Did not I choose you, the twelve? And vet one of you is a Slanderer." <sup>71</sup>Now he was speaking of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he, one of the twelve, who was going to betray him.

#### Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles

7 And after these things Jesus walked in Galilee, for he would not walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill him. <sup>2</sup>Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Tabernacles, was near. <sup>3</sup>Therefore his brothers said to him, "Depart from here and go into Judea so that your disciples also can see the works that you are doing. <sup>4</sup>For no one does anything in secret when he is seeking to be known openly. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world" <sup>5</sup>(For even his brothers were not believing on him). <sup>6</sup>Therefore Jesus says to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. <sup>7</sup>The world is not able to hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it, that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast because my time is not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup>And having said these things to them, he remained in Galilee.

<sup>10</sup>But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly, but as if in secret. <sup>11</sup>Now the Jews were seeking for him at the feast, and kept saying, "Where is he?" <sup>12</sup>And there was much secret discussion among the multitudes concerning him. Some said, "He is a good man;" others said, "No, on the contrary, he leads the multitude astray." <sup>13</sup>Yet no man spoke openly of him for fear of the Jews.

# Jesus Teaches at the Feast

<sup>14</sup>Now about the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and *began* to teach. <sup>15</sup>Therefore, the Jews were amazed, saying, "How does this man know letters, having never learned?"

<sup>16</sup>Therefore Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me. <sup>17</sup>If any man is willing to keep doing his will, he will come to know about the teaching, whether it is of God, or *whether* I speak from myself. <sup>18</sup>The one who speaks from himself is seeking his own glory, but the one who is seeking the glory of one who sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

<sup>19</sup>"Did not Moses give you the law? And vet not one of you is keeping the law. If you are, why are you seeking to kill me?" <sup>20</sup>The multitude answered, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill you?" <sup>21</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all were amazed because of it. <sup>22</sup>Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man. <sup>23</sup>If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses is not be broken, are you angry with me because I made a man completely whole on the Sabbath? <sup>24</sup>Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

# Can This Be the Christ?

<sup>25</sup>Therefore, some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not he whom they are seeking to kill? <sup>26</sup>And look! He is speaking openly, and they are saying nothing to him. Can it be that the rulers really know that this is the Christ? <sup>27</sup>But we know where this man is from, and when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from." <sup>28</sup>So Jesus cried out while teaching in the temple, saying, "You both know me, and know where I am from; and I have not come on my own *initiative*, but he who sent me is true, whom you do not know. <sup>29</sup>I know him because I am from him, and he sent me."

# Seeking to Arrest Jesus

<sup>30</sup>Therefore, they were seeking to seize him, but no man laid his hand on him because his hour had not yet come. <sup>31</sup>But many of the multitude believed on him, and they said, "When the Christ comes, will he do more signs than those that this man has done?"

<sup>32</sup>The Pharisees heard the multitude secretly discussing these things about him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent *Temple* police to take him. <sup>33</sup>So Jesus said, "Yet a little while am I with you, and *then* I go to the one who sent me. <sup>34</sup>You will seek me, and will not find me, and where I am, you are not able to come." <sup>35</sup>Therefore, the Jews said among themselves, "Where will this man go that we will not find him? Will he go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup>What is this word that he said, 'You will seek me and will not find me, and, where I am, you are not able to come?""

# The Promise of the Spirit

<sup>37</sup>Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.<sup>38</sup>The one who is believing in me, as the Scripture has said, rivers of living water will continuously flow out of his belly." <sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the spirit, which those who believed on him were going to receive, for as yet there was no spirit, because Jesus was not vet glorified.

# **Confusion About the Christ**

<sup>40</sup>Then *some* of the multitude, when they heard these words, said, "Of a truth, this is the prophet!" <sup>41</sup>Others said, "This is the Christ!" But some said, "What, does the Christ come out of Galilee? <sup>42</sup>Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" <sup>43</sup>So there arose a division in the multitude because of him. <sup>44</sup>And some of them were wanting to seize him, but no one laid his hands on him

<sup>45</sup>Then the *Temple* police came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" <sup>46</sup>The police answered, "No one has ever spoken like this." <sup>47</sup>So the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also led astray? <sup>48</sup>Have any of the rulers believed on him, or of the Pharisees? <sup>49</sup>But this multitude that does not know the law are accursed." <sup>50</sup>Nicodemus says to them (he who came to him before, being one of them), <sup>51</sup>"Does our law condemn a man, unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing?" <sup>52</sup>They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Search, and you will see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."

# [The Woman Caught in Adultery] John 7:53-8:11 is at the end of the book of John

#### I Am the Light of the World

8 <sup>12</sup>Then Jesus spoke to them again saving " again, saying, "I am the light of the world. The one who is following me will not ever walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup>Therefore, the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not true." <sup>14</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I came from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup>You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup>Yet even if I

do judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone in my judgment, but I and the Father that sent me. <sup>17</sup>Now even in your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true.<sup>18</sup>I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me." <sup>19</sup>Therefore they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me, nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."<sup>20</sup>(He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury in the temple, and *yet* no one arrested him because his hour had not yet come).

#### Jesus Warns Against Unbelief

<sup>21</sup>Then he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and will die in your sin. Where I am going, you are not able to come." <sup>22</sup>Therefore, the Jews were saying, "He will not kill himself, will he, since he says, 'Where I am going, vou are not able to come?"<sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "You are from beneath, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup>That is why I said to you that you will die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am the One, you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup>Therefore they said to him, "You-who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Altogether, I am what I am telling you.<sup>26</sup>I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but he who sent me is true, and the things that I heard

from him, these I speak to the world."

<sup>27</sup>They did not perceive that he was speaking to them of the Father. <sup>28</sup>So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then will you know that I am *the One*, and *that* I do nothing of myself, but as the Father taught me, I speak these things. <sup>29</sup>And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup>As he spoke these things, many believed on him.

# The Truth Will Set You Free

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to those Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, then are you truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set vou free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are Abraham's seed, and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will be set free?"<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who continues to commit sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

#### Children of the Devil

<sup>37</sup>I know that you are Abraham's seed. Yet you seek to kill me because my word has no place in you. <sup>38</sup>I speak the things that I have seen with *my* Father, and you also do the things that you heard from *your* father." <sup>39</sup>They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus says to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. <sup>40</sup>But now you are seeking to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this! <sup>41</sup>You keep doing the works of your father."

They said to him, "We were not born from sexual immorality. We have one Father—God." <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; for I have not come on my own authority, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand my speech? Because you are not able to hear my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of *your* father the Slanderer, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar, and the father of them. <sup>45</sup>But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me.<sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>The one who is of God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

#### Jesus and Abraham

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered and said to him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>But I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks and judges. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will absolutely not see death." 52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets, and you say, 'If a man keep my word, he shall absolutely not taste of death.' <sup>53</sup>Surely you are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died. Whom do you make yourself?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, "He is our God." <sup>55</sup>And you have not known him, but I know him. And if I were to say, "I do not know him," then I would be like vou: a liar. But I know him, and keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it, and was glad." <sup>57</sup>Therefore, the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am the one." <sup>59</sup>Therefore they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

#### Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

And as he passed by, he saw a 0 man blind from his birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, so he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents; but let the works of God be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one will be able to work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am a light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud out of the spittle, and put the mud on his eyes, <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," (which is translated "Sent"). So he went and washed and came *back* seeing. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, the neighbors and those who had seen him before-that he was a beggarwere saying, "Is this not he who sat and begged?" <sup>9</sup>Others were saying, "It is he," while others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am *he*." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made mud and put it on my eyes, and said to me. 'Go to Siloam, and wash,' so I went and washed, and I received sight." <sup>12</sup>And they said to him, "Where is he?" He says, "I do not know."

# Pharisees Investigate the Healing

<sup>13</sup>They bring to the Pharisees him who was formerly blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees also again asked him how he received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup>So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How is a man who is a sinner able to do such signs?" And there was division among them. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, they say again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" And he said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>Now the Jews did not believe about him, that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup>but how he now sees, we do not know, or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him, he is of age, he will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any man should confess him to be Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

<sup>23</sup>For this reason his parents said, "He is of age, ask him").

<sup>24</sup>So a second time thev called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>Therefore he answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>Therefore they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"<sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not hear. Why do you want to hear it again? Would you also become his disciples?"<sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he is from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered and said to them, "Well, this is an amazing thing, that you do not know where he is from, and *yet* he opened my eves. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not hear sinners, but if any man is a worshipper of God and does his will, he hears him. <sup>32</sup>Since the world began it was never heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." <sup>34</sup>They answered and said to him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

#### Spiritual Blindness

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and finding him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered and said, "And who is he, Lord, that I may believe on him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have both seen him, and it is he who is speaking with you." <sup>38</sup>And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he bowed down before him.

<sup>39</sup>And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now, *since* you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

#### I Am the Good Shepherd

Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, that *person* is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But the one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the doorkeeper opens and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>And they will never follow a stranger, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice

of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus spoke this veiled language to them, and they did not understand what those things were that He had been saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out, and will find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief does not come, except to steal, and kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly. <sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not a shepherd and who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them.*<sup>13</sup>*He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. And I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. And there will be one flock with one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down of

myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment I received from my Father."

<sup>19</sup>Because of these words, there again arose a division among the Jews. <sup>20</sup>And many of them said, "He has a demon and is raving mad. Why do you listen to him?" <sup>21</sup>Others said, "These are not the sayings of one *who is* demonized. Is a demon able to open the eyes of the blind?"

#### **Rejected at the Feast of Dedication**

<sup>22</sup>And it was the Feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem<sup>23</sup>(it was winter), and Jesus was walking in the Temple in Solomon's porch. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long do you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, these testify about me. <sup>26</sup>But you do not believe because you are not of my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, <sup>28</sup>and I give to them life *in the* Age to come, and they shall absolutely not perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given *them* to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

<sup>31</sup>The Jews took up stones again to stone him. <sup>32</sup>Jesus answered

them, "Many good works have I showed you from the Father. For which of those works do you stone me?" <sup>33</sup>The Jews answered him, "We do not stone you for a good work, but for defaming words, and because that you, being a man, make yourself a god." <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, I said, you are gods? <sup>35</sup>If he called them gods to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture is not able to be broken), <sup>36</sup>do you say of him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You speak defaming words,' because I said, I am the Son of God? <sup>37</sup>If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me. <sup>38</sup>But if I do them, though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is united with me, and I am united with the Father." <sup>39</sup>Again they were seeking to arrest him, and yet he went forth out of their hand.

# **Beyond Jordan**—Many Believe

<sup>40</sup>And he went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was first baptizing, and he stayed there. <sup>41</sup>And many came to him and were saying, "Even though John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true." <sup>42</sup>And many believed in him there.

# The Death of Lazarus

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.<sup>2</sup>(And it was this Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick). <sup>3</sup>Therefore, the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, look!, he with whom you are a friend is sick." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness will not lead to death, but to the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>Yet when he heard that he was sick, he then stayed two days *longer* in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he says to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples say to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and do you go there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks around during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks around in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup>He said this, and after that he says to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go in order that I may awaken him." <sup>12</sup>Therefore the disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he spoke of taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Therefore

Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow-disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

# I Am the Resurrection and the Life

<sup>17</sup>So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near to Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>Then Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.<sup>22</sup>And even now I know that, whatever you ask of God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus says to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha says to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection, and the life. He who believes on me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes on me shall not ever die in the Age to come. Do you believe this?"<sup>27</sup>She says to him, "Yes, Lord. I have believed that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the One Coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>And when she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying in secret, "The Teacher is here, and calls you." <sup>29</sup>And she, when she heard it, arose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>(Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met him.) <sup>31</sup>Then the Jews who were with her in the house and were comforting her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to cry there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>Now when Jesus saw her crying, and the Jews who came with her *also* crying, he was deeply angered in the spirit, and was troubled, <sup>34</sup>and said, "Where have you laid him?" They say to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>Then the Jews said, "Look how he was a friend to him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Was not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind, able to have done something so that this man would not have died?"

#### Jesus Raises Lazarus

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again deeply angered within himself, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus says, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, says to him, "Lord, by this time there will be a bad odor, for he has been *dead* four days."

<sup>40</sup>Jesus says to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup>And I knew that you always hear me, but because of the crowd standing around. I said it so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>And when he had said these things, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" <sup>44</sup>He who was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes, and his face was wrapped with a handkerchief. Jesus says to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

#### The Plot to Kill Jesus

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what he did, believed on him. <sup>46</sup>But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things that Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we to do? For this man does many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him *go on* like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our Place and our nation." <sup>49</sup>But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,

<sup>50</sup>nor do you take into account that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>(Now he did not say this of himself, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.) <sup>53</sup>Therefore, from that day on they made plans to kill him.

<sup>54</sup>So Jesus did not walk openly among the Jews any more, but went from there to the region near the desert, to a city called Ephraim, and he stayed there with the disciples.

<sup>55</sup>Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. <sup>56</sup>Therefore they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the Temple, "What do you think? Surely he will not come to the feast, *will he*?" <sup>57</sup>Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, so that they might arrest him.

# Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany 12 Then six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised out from among the

dead. <sup>2</sup>So they made him a supper there, and Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those who was reclining to eat with him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary, having taken a pound of perfume of pure nard, very precious, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair, and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one about to betray him), says, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii. and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the *money* box, he took away what was put in it). <sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said, "Leave her alone. It was that she kept this *until now* for the day of my burial, <sup>8</sup> for the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

# The Plot to Kill Lazarus

<sup>9</sup>Then the common people of the Jews learned that he was there, and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised out from among *the* dead. <sup>10</sup>But the chief priests took counsel in order that they might put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews were deserting *them* and were believing in Jesus.

# The Triumphal Entry

<sup>12</sup>On the next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him, and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." <sup>14</sup>And Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>Fear not, daughter of Zion. Look!, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt. <sup>16</sup>(His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things to him).

<sup>17</sup>Meanwhile the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him out from among *the* dead, were testifying. <sup>18</sup>For this reason the crowd went and met him, because they heard that he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>Therefore the Pharisees said among themselves, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look!, the world has gone after him."

# Jesus Speaks of His Death

<sup>20</sup>Now there were certain Greeks among those who went up to worship at the feast. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Lord, we want to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip comes and tells Andrew. Andrew comes, and Philip, and they tell Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answers them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it lives by itself alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>He who is overly attached to his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it, resulting in life *in the* Age *to come*. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, let him follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>Now my soul has become troubled. And yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came out of heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>Therefore the multitude that stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for my sake, but for your sakes. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." <sup>33</sup>(Now he said this, clearly indicating what kind of death he was about to die). <sup>34</sup>So the multitude answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ lives for ever, and so how can you

say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up?' Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup>Therefore Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtakes you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe on the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and he departed and hid himself from them.

# Belief and Unbelief of the Jews

<sup>37</sup>But although he had done so many signs before them, *yet* they did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup> with the result that the word of Isaiah the prophet was fulfilled, which he spoke, Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>39</sup>For this reason they were not able to believe, for again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup>He has blinded their eves and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eves and perceive with their heart, and should return to God, and I should heal them. <sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory, and he spoke of him.

<sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him, but because of the Pharisees, they did not confess *it*, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue, <sup>43</sup> for they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

#### The Word Will Judge

<sup>44</sup>But Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes on me does not believe on me, but on him who sent me. <sup>45</sup>And he who sees me sees him who sent me. <sup>46</sup>I have come into the world as a light so that whoever believes on me will not live in the darkness. <sup>47</sup>And if anyone hears my words and does not keep them. I do not judge him, for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. <sup>48</sup>He who is rejecting me and is not receiving my words has one that is judging him: the word that I spoke, the same will judge him on the last day. <sup>49</sup>For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me, he has given me a command as to what to say and what to speak. <sup>50</sup>And I know that his commandment is life in the Age to come, therefore, the things that I speak, I speak just as the Father has said to me.

#### The Last Supper

13 Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his hour had come that he should depart out of this world to his Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>And during supper, the Slanderer, having already put into the heart of Judas, *son* of Simon Iscariot, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all the things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>gets up from supper and lays aside his outer garments; and he took a towel and tied it around himself.

<sup>5</sup>Then he pours water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>So he comes to Simon Peter. He says to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do, you do not know now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter says to him, "You will never wash my feet-ever!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter says to him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." <sup>10</sup>Jesus says to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not all." <sup>11</sup>For he knew the one who was betraying him, therefore he said, "You are not all clean."

<sup>12</sup>So when he had washed their feet, and put on his outer garments, and reclined *at the table* again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me, "Teacher," and, "Lord," and you rightly say so, for I am. <sup>14</sup>If then I, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also are obligated to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his lord, neither one who is sent greater than he who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>18</sup>I do not speak of you all, I know whom I have chosen, but let the Scripture be fulfilled: **He who eats my bread lifted up his heel against me**. <sup>19</sup>From now on I am telling it to you before it comes to pass, so that, when it comes to pass, you may believe that I am *he*. <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send, receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me."

# One of You Will Betray Me

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had spoken this, he was troubled in the spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betrav me."<sup>22</sup>The disciples looked at one another, uncertain about whom he was speaking. <sup>23</sup>One of the disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining on Jesus' breast. <sup>24</sup>Therefore Simon Peter nods to him, and says to him, "Tell us who it is of whom he speaks." <sup>25</sup>He, leaning back as he was on Jesus' chest, says to him, "Lord, who is it?" <sup>26</sup>Therefore Jesus answers, "It is he to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the piece, he gives it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. <sup>27</sup>And after the piece, then the Adversary entered into him. Therefore Jesus says to him, "What

you are doing, do more quickly!" <sup>28</sup>Now no man reclining *at the table* knew why he spoke this to him. <sup>29</sup>For some thought *it was* because Judas had the *money* box that Jesus said to him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or, that he should give something to the poor. <sup>30</sup>Then he, having received the piece *of bread*, went out immediately; and it was night.

# A New Commandment

<sup>31</sup>Therefore, when he had gone out, Jesus says, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him immediately. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little while longer. You will seek me, and as I said to the Jews, so I now say to you also, 'Where I go, you are not able to come.' <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

# Peter's Denial Foretold

<sup>36</sup>Simon Peter says to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I go, you are not able to follow now, but you will follow afterwards." <sup>37</sup>Peter says to him, "Lord, why am I not able to follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup>Jesus answers, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will absolutely not crow before you have denied me three times.

#### I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life

"Do not let your heart be 14 troubled. Continue to trust in God and continue to trust in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many places to live. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself, that where I am, you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And where I go, you know the way." <sup>5</sup>Thomas says to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How are we able to know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus says to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

# Seeing Jesus is Seeing the Father

<sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you know him, and have seen him." <sup>8</sup>Philip says to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus says to him, "Have I been such a long time with you, and do you not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?' <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from myself, but the Father residing in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Keep on believing me, that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, or else keep believing me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes on me, the works that I do, he will do also, and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. <sup>13</sup>And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

#### Love and Obedience

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments, <sup>16</sup> and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, that it may be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>*This helper is* the spirit of truth, which the world is not able to receive, because it does not see it, neither knows it. You know it, for it is present with you, and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans: I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also.

<sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>He who has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him."

<sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) says to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"These things I have spoken to you *while* being present with you. <sup>26</sup>But the helper, the holy spirit, which the Father will send in my name, it will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard that I said to you, 'I go away,' and 'I come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it comes to pass, so that when it comes to pass, you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world comes, and he has nothing in me. <sup>31</sup>But I do as the Father has commanded me so that the world may know that I love

the Father. Arise, let us go from here.

# I Am the True Vine

5 "I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he takes it away, and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I *will* in you. As the branch is not able to bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you are not able to do anything. <sup>6</sup>If a man does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch, and withers; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this is my Father glorified: that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

<sup>9</sup>Just as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you: remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love; just as I have kept my Father's commandments, and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made

full. <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this-that one lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends, if you do the things that I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his lord is doing. But I have called you friends because all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you will ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

# The World Will Hate You

<sup>18</sup>If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you were of the world, the world would befriend you as its own, but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his lord.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup>But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

<sup>22</sup>"If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have had sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup>He who hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup>If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin, but now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup>But let the word that is written in their law be fulfilled, **They hated me** without a cause.

<sup>26</sup>"But when the helper comes that I will send to you from the Father, the spirit of truth, which comes from the Father, it will testify about me, <sup>27</sup> and you also must testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16 "I have told you these things in order so that you will not be caused to fall away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour comes that whoever kills you will think that he offers a service to God. <sup>3</sup>And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told them to you.

#### The Coming Helper

And I did not say these things to you from the beginning because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to the one who sent me, and *yet* none of you asks me, 'Where

are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send it to you. <sup>8</sup>And it, when it comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment. <sup>9</sup>Concerning sin, because they do not believe on me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you see me no more; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged.

<sup>12</sup>I still have many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them now. <sup>13</sup>But when it, the spirit of truth, comes, it will guide you in all truth, for it will not speak on its own, but whatever it hears, it will speak, and it will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>It will glorify me, for it will take from what is mine, and will declare *it* to you. <sup>15</sup>All things, whatever the Father has, are mine, therefore I said that it will take from what is mine and will declare *it* to you.

#### Sorrow Turned to Joy

<sup>16</sup>"A little while and you will see me no more, and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup>Therefore *some* of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me,' and, 'Because I go to the Father?'"

<sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What is this that he says, 'A little while?' We do not know what he is saying." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they were wanting to ask him, and he said to them, "Are you asking one another about this, that I said, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while, and vou will see me?' <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will cry and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be grieved, but your grief will be turned into joy. <sup>21</sup>A woman, when she is giving birth, has sorrow because her hour has come, but when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish, for the joy that a man is born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So you also have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. <sup>23</sup>And in that day you will not ask me anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Now keep asking, and

you will receive, that your joy may be made full.

# Ask and You Will Receive

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour comes when I will no more speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you plainly of the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf, <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself treats you as friends because you have befriended me, and have believed that I came from the Father. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now in turn, I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

<sup>29</sup>His disciples say, "Ah!, now you are speaking plainly, and are not speaking in veiled language. <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things, and do not need anyone to question you. This is why we believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Take notice!, the hour is coming and has come, that you will be scattered, each one for himself, and you will leave me alone, and yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but have courage; I have overcome the world."

# The Prayer of Jesus

17 Jesus said these things, and lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>just as you gave him authority over all flesh so that he could give life *in the* Age *to come* to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is life *in the* Age *to come*, that they know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on the earth, having accomplished the work that you have given me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me together with yourself with the glory that I had with you before the world was. <sup>6</sup>I revealed your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave me I have given to them, and they received *them* and knew of a truth that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf. I am not asking on behalf of the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>And all things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, and yet these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, just as we are. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me, and I guarded them, and not one of them perished but the son of destruction, resulting in the Scripture being fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I come to you; and these things I speak in the world

that they may have my joy made full in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil *one*. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.<sup>18</sup>Just as vou sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup>"I am not asking for these alone, but also for those who believe on me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. <sup>22</sup>And the glory that you have given me, I have given to them, so that they may be one, just as we *are* one; <sup>23</sup>I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one so that the world may know that you sent me, and loved them just as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I want those whom you have given me to also be with me where I am, that they may see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these knew that you sent me. <sup>26</sup>And I made known to them your name, and will make it known so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

#### Jesus' Betrayal in Gethsemane

**Q** When Jesus had spoken these 18words, he went out with his disciples across the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, into which he himself entered, and his disciples. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Judas then, having received the Roman cohort, and also *Temple* police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, comes there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup>So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went out, and says to them, "Who are you looking for?" <sup>5</sup>They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus says to them, "I am *he*" (and Judas also, who was betraying him, was standing with them). <sup>6</sup>Then, when he said to them, "I am he," they went backward and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Therefore he asked them again, "Who are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I told you that I am *he*. Therefore, if you are looking for me, let these *men* go," <sup>9</sup>(so that the word that he spoke was fulfilled, 'Of those whom you have given me I did not lose one.') <sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and

struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. Now the servant's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath! Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given to me?

#### Jesus Taken to Annas First

<sup>12</sup>Then the *Roman* cohort and the commander, and the *Temple* police of the Jews, seized Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup>And they first led him to Annas, for he was *the* father-inlaw to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year <sup>14</sup>(now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was advantageous that one man should die for the people).

#### Peter Denies Jesus

<sup>15</sup>And Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter was standing outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman who kept the door, and brought in Peter. <sup>17</sup>Then the slavegirl who kept the door says to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He says, "I am not." <sup>18</sup>Now the servants and the *Temple* guard were standing *there*, having made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were warming

themselves. And Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

#### Jesus Interrogated

<sup>19</sup>Then the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple where all the Jews come together, and I said nothing in secret.

<sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard what I said to them. Look, they know what I said." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, one of the *Temple* police standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that the way you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong, but if rightly, why do you strike me?"

*Jesus Sent from Annas to Caiaphas* <sup>24</sup>Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

# **Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Then they said to him, "Are you also *one* of his disciples?" He denied *it*, and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the servants of the high priest, being a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, says, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup>Then Peter denied *it* again, and immediately the rooster crowed.

# Jesus Before Pilate

<sup>28</sup>Then they lead Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, (and it was early), and *vet* they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and says, "What accusation are you bringing against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered and said to him, "If this man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Therefore Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." <sup>32</sup>This *happened* with the result that the word of Jesus was fulfilled, which he spoke, clearly indicating by what manner of death he was about to die.

<sup>33</sup>So Pilate entered again into the Praetorium and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of yourself, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew?" Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you to me. What have you done?"<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would be fighting so that I would not be delivered to the Jews, but as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>So Pilate said to him.

"So are you a king?" Jesus answered, "You rightly say that I am a king. For this purpose I have been born, and for this purpose I have come into the world, that I should testify concerning the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate says to him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and says to them, "I find no guilt in him." <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom, that I should release one man to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>Then they cried out again, saying, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" (Now Barabbas was a robber).

#### Jesus Sentenced to be Crucified

**19** Therefore Pilate then took Jesus, and flogged *him*.<sup>2</sup>And the soldiers, having twisted together a crown of thorns, put it on his head and threw a purple robe around him. <sup>3</sup>And they were coming up to him and saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and they were slapping him in the face.

<sup>4</sup>And Pilate went out again, and says to them, "See!, I am bringing him out to you, so that you may know that I find no reason *for death* in him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And *Pilate* says to them, "Look! *Here is* the man!" <sup>6</sup>So when the chief priests and the

Temple police saw him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate says to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no reason for a charge against him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he must die, because he made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>So when Pilate heard this saying, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>and he entered into the Praetorium again and says to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Therefore Pilate says to him, "You are not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have *the* authority to release you, and have *the* authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority against me if it had not been given to you from above, therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup>As a result of this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." <sup>13</sup>Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.<sup>14</sup>Now it was the Preparation of the Passover (it was about the sixth hour). And he says to the Jews, "Look at your king!" <sup>15</sup>Therefore, they cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"

Pilate says to them, "Should I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he then delivered him to them to be crucified, so they took Jesus away.

# The Crucifixion

<sup>17</sup>And he went out, carrying his own cross, to the place called The place of a Skull, which in Hebrew is called, Golgotha, <sup>18</sup>where they crucified him, and with him two others on this side and on that side. and Jesus in the midst. <sup>19</sup>And Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. And it was written, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. <sup>20</sup>Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because where Jesus was crucified was near the Place of the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that, 'He said, I am King of the Jews." <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

<sup>23</sup>Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part, and *also took* the coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven in one *piece* from the top. <sup>24</sup>Therefore they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it will be," so that the scripture was fulfilled, which says, They divided my outer garments among them, and they cast lots for my clothing. Now, indeed, the soldiers did these things.

<sup>25</sup>Now standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the *wife* of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>Therefore when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by, he says to his mother, "Woman, look!, your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then he says to the disciple, "Look!, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own *home*.

# The Death of Jesus

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, says (in order to fulfill the Scripture), "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>There was sitting there a vessel full of vinegar, so they put a sponge full of the vinegar upon a hyssop *branch*, and put it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>Then, when Jesus had received the vinegar he said, "**It is finished**," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

# Jesus' Side Pierced

<sup>31</sup>Now because it was the Day of Preparation, in order that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was the high day), the Jews asked Pilate to have their legs broken and *their bodies* taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>And he who saw *this* has testified, and his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling *the* truth in order that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things came to pass so that the scripture would be fulfilled, Not a bone of his will be broken. <sup>37</sup>And again, another scripture says. They will look on him whom they pierced.

# Joseph Buries Jesus

<sup>38</sup>Now after these things, Joseph of Arimathaea (who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because of fear of the Jews), asked Pilate's *permission* so that he could take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate allowed it. Therefore he came and took away his body.

# Nicodemus: Later with Spices

<sup>39</sup>And Nicodemus also came, he who at the first came to him by night, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden *was* a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>There, then, because of the Preparation day of the Jews (since the tomb was nearby) they laid Jesus.

Mary Reports the Tomb is Empty Now on the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and sees the stone taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she runs and comes to Simon Peter and the other disciple, to whom Jesus was a friend, and says to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out, and the other disciple, and they were going to the tomb. <sup>4</sup>And the two were running together, but the other disciple ran ahead, faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first, <sup>5</sup>and stooping down and looking in, he sees the linen cloths lying, yet he did not enter in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter also comes, following him, and entered into the tomb, and he sees the linen cloths lying, 'and the handkerchief that was upon his head not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then, therefore, the other disciple who came first to the tomb also entered in, and he saw, and believed. <sup>9</sup>For they did not yet know the scripture, that he must rise out from among the dead.

# Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>0</sup>So the disciples went away again to their own home. <sup>11</sup>But Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, so as she was crying she stooped and looked into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and she sees two angels in white, sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. <sup>13</sup>And they say to her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She says to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and sees Jesus standing, and did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus says to her, "Woman, why are you crying? "Who are you looking for?" She, supposing him to be the gardener, says to him, "Lord, if you have carried him from here, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus says to her, "Mary." She turns herself, and says to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus says to her, "Stop clinging to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.""<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went *and* announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that he had said these things to her.

#### Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<sup>19</sup>Now when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and says to them, "Peace be to you." <sup>20</sup>And when he had said this, he showed to them his hands and his side. So the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and says to them, "Receive holy spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of anyone, they have been retained."

# Jesus and Thomas

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (called Didymus), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>Therefore the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not ever believe." <sup>26</sup>And after eight days, his disciples were again within, and Thomas with them. Jesus comes, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst and said, "Peace be to you." <sup>27</sup>Then he says to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and see my hands, and reach your hand here, and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believing!"

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my god." <sup>29</sup>Jesus says to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen, and *yet* have believed."

# Written So We Will Believe

<sup>30</sup>Then Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples that are not written in this book, <sup>31</sup>but these are written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Jesus Appears at the Sea of Galilee After these things Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed *himself* this way: <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, and Thomas (called Didymus), and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two more of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter says to them, "I am going fishing." They say to him, "We also will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>But when day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the shore, yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus says to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you

will find some." So they cast it, and now they could not draw it up because of the multitude of fish. <sup>7</sup>Then that disciple whom Jesus loved says to Peter, "It is the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his coat about him (for he was naked), and threw himself into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but only about two hundred cubits off). dragging the net *full* of fish. <sup>9</sup>So when they get out upon the land, they see a charcoal fire there, and fish laid on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus says to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three, and although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus says to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared inquire of him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus comes and takes the bread and gives some to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This is now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised out from among the dead.

#### Jesus: Do You Love Me?

<sup>15</sup>Then when they had finished breakfast, Jesus says to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love me more than these?" He says to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I am your friend." He says to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>He says to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He says to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I am your friend." He says to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He says to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, are you my friend?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Are you my friend?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I am your friend." Jesus says to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you dressed yourself and walked where you wanted, but when you are old you will stretch out your hands and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup>Now this he spoke, clearly indicating by what manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he says to him, "Follow me."

# The Beloved Disciple

<sup>20</sup>Peter, turning around, sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*, (the one who also had leaned back on his chest at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who will betray you?"). <sup>21</sup>Therefore, seeing him, Peter says to Jesus, "Lord, and what about him?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus says to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow me!"

<sup>23</sup>So the word went out among the brothers that this disciple should not die, yet Jesus did not say to him that he should not die, but, "If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you?"

<sup>24</sup>This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

<sup>25</sup>And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

# [The Woman Caught in Adultery: John 7:53-8:11]

8 <sup>7:53</sup>And each one went to his own house, <sup>1</sup>but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. <sup>2</sup>And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. <sup>3</sup>And the experts in the law and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst, <sup>4</sup>they say to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. <sup>5</sup>Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" <sup>6</sup>But they were saying this to tempt him, in order that they might have grounds to accuse him.

But Jesus stooped down and with his finger wrote on the ground. <sup>7</sup>But when they continued asking him, he stood up and said to them, "Let the one who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup>And again he stooped down and with his finger continued writing on the ground. <sup>9</sup>Now when they heard this, they began going out, one by one, beginning with the oldest. And he was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the midst. <sup>10</sup>And Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup>And she said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn vou. Go, and from now on do not sin any more!"

# Commentary on John 7:53-8:11

A lot has been written from a textual point of view about the record of the woman caught in adultery. Every indication is that it was not part of the original text. The oldest and best manuscripts do not include it. Furthermore, it is absent from a diverse number of manuscripts from different manuscript families. Also, a sign that shows scholars the record is not original is that different scribes put it in the text in different places. Of the Greek manuscripts that do have the record, it occurs in four different places in John, and it even appears in the Gospel of Luke instead of John. If the record were

original but taken out of some manuscripts, the manuscripts that still had the record would always have it in the same place. Lastly, the record breaks the flow of Jesus' presentation in the Temple on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, which flows well from 7:52-8:12, and shows Jesus continuing his teaching in the Temple treasury (John 7:2, 37; 8:20. If the record does actually occur in John 7:53-8:11, then the last day of the feast (John 7:37) would be over and Jesus would have made his wonderful presentation in chapter 8 about the true nature of the religious leaders to a basically empty Temple because the crowds would have returned home after the Feast.