

**Lesson No. 16****The Father and the Son****Isaiah 45:1-25**

<sup>1</sup>¶Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and ungird the loins of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>"I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut asunder the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>¶I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I gird you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe, I am the LORD, who do all these things. <sup>8</sup>"Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth, and let it cause righteousness to spring up also; I the LORD have created it. <sup>9</sup>"Woe to him who strives with his Maker, an earthen vessel with the potter! Does the clay say to him who fashions it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles'? <sup>10</sup>Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?' or to a woman, 'With what are you in travail?'" <sup>11</sup>¶Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work of my hands? <sup>12</sup>I made the earth, and created man upon it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. <sup>13</sup>I have aroused him in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward," says the LORD of hosts. <sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD: "The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over to you and be yours, they shall follow you; they shall come over in chains and bow down to you. They will make supplication to you, saying: 'God is with you only, and there is no other, no god besides him.'" <sup>15</sup>Truly, thou art a God who hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Savior. <sup>16</sup>All of them are put to shame and confounded, the makers of idols go in confusion together. <sup>17</sup>But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity. <sup>18</sup>For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens he is God!, who formed the earth and made it he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!: "I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>19</sup>I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in chaos.' I the LORD speak the truth, I declare what is right. <sup>20</sup>¶"Assemble yourselves and come, draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. <sup>21</sup>Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. <sup>22</sup>"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup>By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' <sup>24</sup>"Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed, all who were incensed against him. <sup>25</sup>In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory."

**Hebrews 9:25-28**

<sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**John 17:21**

<sup>21</sup>that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

### **1 Peter 1:20**

He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake.

### **Acts 2:22**

“Men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

### **Philippians 2:8**

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

### **Hebrews 2:9**

But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one.

### **Hebrews 2:14-18**

<sup>14</sup>¶ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

### **Ephesians 4:6**

one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

### **1 Corinthians 11:3**

But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a woman is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

### **John 14:8**

You heard me say to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I.

### **John 10:29**

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.

### **Deuteronomy 6:1-25**

<sup>1</sup>¶ Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it; <sup>2</sup>that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them; that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>4</sup>¶ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; <sup>5</sup>and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; <sup>7</sup>and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. <sup>10</sup>And when the LORD your God brings you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you, with great and goodly cities, which you did not build, <sup>11</sup>and houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, and cisterns hewn out, which you did not hew, and vineyards and olive trees, which you did not plant, and when

you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup>then take heed lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>13</sup>You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve him, and swear by his name. <sup>14</sup>You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who are round about you; <sup>15</sup>for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. <sup>16</sup>"You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. <sup>17</sup>¶You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you. <sup>18</sup>And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers <sup>19</sup>by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has promised. <sup>20</sup>"When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD our God has commanded you?' <sup>21</sup>then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; <sup>22</sup>and the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes; <sup>23</sup>and he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land which he swore to give to our fathers. <sup>24</sup>And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as at this day. <sup>25</sup>And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.'

### **Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>¶Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; <sup>19</sup>and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" which means, God with us. <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

### **Lesson No.17**

### **The Life of Jesus**

#### **Luke 2:1-52**

<sup>1</sup>¶In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. <sup>2</sup>This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>¶And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; <sup>11</sup>for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. <sup>21</sup>¶And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. <sup>22</sup>And when the time came for their purification

according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord" <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>¶ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; <sup>30</sup>for mine eyes have seen thy salvation <sup>31</sup>which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel." <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; <sup>34</sup>and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against <sup>35</sup>and a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." <sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, <sup>37</sup>and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup>¶ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; <sup>43</sup>and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; <sup>47</sup>and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

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### **Matthew 2:1-23**

<sup>1</sup>¶ Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; <sup>8</sup>and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship

him." <sup>9</sup>¶When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; <sup>11</sup>and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. <sup>13</sup>¶Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." <sup>16</sup>¶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." <sup>19</sup>¶But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, <sup>20</sup>"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

### **Psalms 90:2**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

### **Philippians 2:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Matthew 5:1-48**

<sup>1</sup>¶Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>¶"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you. <sup>13</sup>¶"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup>¶"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup>¶"You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and

then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; <sup>26</sup>truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>¶"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. <sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>¶"Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil. <sup>38</sup>¶"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup>Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you. <sup>43</sup>¶"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

#### **Matthew 6:1-34**

<sup>1</sup>¶"Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup>"Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>¶"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup>"And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>¶"Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. <sup>10</sup>Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread; <sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors; <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. <sup>14</sup>For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. <sup>16</sup>¶"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup>¶"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>22</sup>"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; <sup>23</sup>but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! <sup>24</sup>"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. <sup>25</sup>¶"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your

heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.

### **Matthew 7:1-29**

<sup>1</sup>¶ Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup>¶ Do not give dogs what is holy; and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under foot and turn to attack you. <sup>7</sup>¶ Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup>¶ So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. <sup>13</sup>Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few. <sup>15</sup>¶ Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. <sup>18</sup>A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will know them by their fruits. <sup>21</sup>¶ Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.' <sup>24</sup>¶ Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; <sup>25</sup>and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup>And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; <sup>27</sup>and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it." <sup>28</sup>And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

### **Luke 9:1-62**

<sup>1</sup>¶ And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup>And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. <sup>4</sup>And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. <sup>5</sup>And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>6</sup>And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. <sup>7</sup>Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, <sup>8</sup>by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen. <sup>9</sup>Herod said, "John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him. <sup>10</sup>¶ On their return the apostles told him what they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds learned it, they followed him; and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God, and cured those who had need of healing. <sup>12</sup>Now the day began to wear away; and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away, to go into the villages and country round about, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a lonely place." <sup>13</sup>But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We

have no more than five loaves and two fish--unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." <sup>14</sup>For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in companies, about fifty each." <sup>15</sup>And they did so, and made them all sit down. <sup>16</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>And all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over, twelve baskets of broken pieces. <sup>18</sup>¶Now it happened that as he was praying alone the disciples were with him; and he asked them, "Who do the people say that I am?" <sup>19</sup>And they answered, "John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the old prophets has risen." <sup>20</sup>And he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." <sup>21</sup>But he charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup>saying, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." <sup>23</sup>And he said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it. <sup>25</sup>For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup>But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God." <sup>28</sup>¶Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah" --not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen. <sup>37</sup>¶On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>And behold, a man from the crowd cried, "Teacher, I beg you to look upon my son, for he is my only child; <sup>39</sup>and behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him till he foams, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. <sup>40</sup>And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon tore him and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup>¶And all were astonished at the majesty of God. But while they were all marveling at everything he did, he said to his disciples, <sup>44</sup>"Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men." <sup>45</sup>But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying. <sup>46</sup>And an argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup>But when Jesus perceived the thought of their hearts, he took a child and put him by his side, <sup>48</sup>and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me; for he who is least among you all is the one who is great." <sup>49</sup>John answered, "Master, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us." <sup>50</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him; for he that is not against you is for you." <sup>51</sup>¶When the days drew near for him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but the people would not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>And they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>¶As they were going along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But he said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



## Lesson No.18

## The Death of Jesus Christ

### Mark 14:1-72

<sup>1</sup>¶It was now two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth, and kill him; <sup>2</sup>for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be a tumult of the people." <sup>3</sup>And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>But there were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment thus wasted? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor." And they reproached her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you will, you can do good to them; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burying. <sup>9</sup>And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." <sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard it they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him. <sup>12</sup>¶And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the passover?" <sup>13</sup>And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the householder, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I am to eat the passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup>And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup>And the disciples set out and went to the city, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the passover. <sup>17</sup>And when it was evening he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And as they were at table eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful, and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>22</sup>And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup>And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." <sup>30</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." <sup>31</sup>But he said vehemently, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same. <sup>32</sup>¶And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt." <sup>37</sup>And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup>And he came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." <sup>43</sup>¶And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once, and said, "Master!" And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup>And they all forsook him, and fled. <sup>51</sup>And a young man followed him, with

nothing but a linen cloth about his body; and they seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked. <sup>53</sup>¶And they led Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup>Yet not even so did their testimony agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>61</sup>But he was silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments, and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received him with blows. <sup>66</sup>¶And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the maids of the high priest came; <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him, and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway. <sup>69</sup>And the maid saw him, and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while again the bystanders said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." <sup>72</sup>And immediately the cock crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

#### **Mark 15:1-47**

<sup>1</sup>¶And as soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate wondered. <sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>¶So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. <sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace that is, the praetorium; and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. <sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>¶And they brought him to the place called Golgotha which means the place of a skull. <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>28</sup> <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests mocked him to one another with the scribes, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. <sup>33</sup>¶And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud

voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" <sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, <sup>41</sup>who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered to him; and also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. <sup>42</sup>¶And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

### **Psalms 22:1-31**

<sup>1</sup>¶To the choirmaster: according to The Hind of the Dawn. A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but thou dost not answer; and by night, but find no rest. <sup>3</sup>Yet thou art holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup>In thee our fathers trusted; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. <sup>5</sup>To thee they cried, and were saved; in thee they trusted, and were not disappointed. <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and no man; scorned by men, and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me, they make mouths at me, they wag their heads; <sup>8</sup>"He committed his cause to the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" <sup>9</sup>Yet thou art he who took me from the womb; thou didst keep me safe upon my mother's breasts. <sup>10</sup>Upon thee was I cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me thou hast been my God. <sup>11</sup>¶Be not far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help. <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax, it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; thou dost lay me in the dust of death. <sup>16</sup>Yea, dogs are round about me; a company of evildoers encircle me; they have pierced my hands and feet-- <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones--they stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots. <sup>19</sup>But thou, O LORD, be not far off! O thou my help, hasten to my aid! <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion, my afflicted soul from the horns of the wild oxen! <sup>22</sup>¶I will tell of thy name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee: <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! all you sons of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you sons of Israel! <sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; and he has not hid his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. <sup>25</sup>From thee comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live for ever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup>Yea, to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and he who cannot keep himself alive. <sup>30</sup>Posterity shall serve him; men shall tell of the Lord to the coming generation, <sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, that he has wrought it.

### **2 Corinthians 5:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>¶For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>so that by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>We are of good courage, and we would rather be away

from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men; but what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>¶We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to be proud of us, so that you may be able to answer those who pride themselves on a man's position and not on his heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup>¶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **1 Peter 1:1-25**

<sup>1</sup>¶Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup>chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. <sup>3</sup>¶Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>¶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. <sup>9</sup>As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls. <sup>10</sup>¶The prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired about this salvation; <sup>11</sup>they inquired what person or time was indicated by the Spirit of Christ within them when predicting the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glory. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things which have now been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. <sup>13</sup>¶Therefore gird up your minds, be sober, set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup>since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." <sup>17</sup>And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>¶for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, <sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord abides for ever." That word is the good news which was preached to you.

### **Lesson No.19**

### **The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ**

#### **John 20:1-31**

<sup>1</sup>¶Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other

disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; <sup>5</sup>and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, <sup>7</sup>and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup>¶But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" which means Teacher. <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. <sup>19</sup>¶On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with 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 said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>¶Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

### **John 19:33**

but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

### **Mark 15:42-45**

<sup>42</sup>¶And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph

### **Matthew 28:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>¶Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." <sup>11</sup>¶While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup>And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup>and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup>And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup>So they took the money and did as they were directed; and this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. <sup>16</sup>¶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

### **John 20:27**

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.

### **Luke 24:1-53**

<sup>1</sup>¶But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; <sup>5</sup>and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup><sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning <sup>23</sup>and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, <sup>29</sup>but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned <sup>34</sup>to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, <sup>35</sup>who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>36</sup>¶As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and

he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>¶Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

### **Mark 16:6**

And he said to them, "Do not be amazed, you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him.

### **Acts 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>¶In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup>¶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>¶Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; <sup>13</sup>and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

### **Galatians 3:27-29**

<sup>27</sup>¶For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>26</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-58**

<sup>1</sup>¶Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>by which you are saved, if you hold it fast--unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. <sup>12</sup>¶Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not

been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>¶But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>"For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection under him," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one. <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup>Why am I in peril every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brethren, by my pride in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Come to your right mind, and sin no more. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup>¶But some one will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish man! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body which is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is alike, but there is one kind for men, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are celestial bodies and there are terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. <sup>50</sup>I tell you this, brethren: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>¶Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup>"O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup>¶Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.