

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW

INTRODUCTION

The Gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as Israel's Messiah. The account alternates between Jesus' activities of healing and casting out demons, and major blocks of his teaching, including the Sermon on the Mount (chs. 5–7), the Parables of the Kingdom (ch. 13), and the Olivet Discourse (chs. 24–25). The Sermon on the Mount includes the Beatitudes (5:3-12) and the Lord's Prayer (6:5-15). The book closes with the Great Commission (28:18-20). A recurring theme is the conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders, culminating in his pronouncement of "seven woes" upon them (ch. 23). As do all four Gospel accounts, Matthew focuses on Christ's three-year ministry and his death and resurrection. Matthew probably wrote his Gospel in the 50s or 60s A.D.

The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

Chapter 1

1^a[Luke 3:23-38]

^b2 Sam. 7:12-16;

Ps. 132:11; Isa.

11:1; Jer. 23:5;

Luke 1:32, 69;

John 7:42; Acts

2:30; 13:23; Rom.

1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8;

Rev. 22:16 ^cGen.

22:18; Gal. 3:16

2^dGen. 21:3 ^eGen.

25:26 ^fGen. 29:35

3^g[Ruth 4:18-22;

1 Chr. 2:1-15]

5^hJosh. 6:25

6ⁱ1 Sam. 16:1;

17:12 ^j2 Sam.

12:24 ^k2 Sam.

12:10

7For ver. 7-10, see

1 Chr. 3:10-14

8^m[2 Kgs. 15:1;

1 Chr. 3:11, 12]

11ⁿ1 Chr. 3:15;

16 ^oEsth. 2:6; Jer.

24:1; 27:20

12^p1 Chr. 3:17-19

^qLuke 3:27

^rEzra 3:2

16^sLuke 3:23

17^tch. 2:4; 11:2;

16:16; 22:42;

23:10; Mark 8:29;

Luke 3:15; [John

1:41; 4:25]

1 ^aThe book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, ^bthe son of David, ^cthe son of Abraham.

2 ^dAbraham was the father of Isaac, and ^eIsaac the father of Jacob, and ^fJacob the father of Judah and his brothers,

3 and ^gJudah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram,¹

4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon,

5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by ^hRahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse,

6 and ⁱJesse the father of David the king.

7 And ^jDavid was the father of Solomon by ^kthe wife of Uriah,

8 and ^lSolomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph,²

9 and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, ^mand Joram the father of Uzziah,

10 and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,

11 and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos,³ and Amos the father of Josiah,

12 and ⁿJosiah the father of ^oJechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

13 And after the deportation to Babylon: ^pJechoniah was the father of ^qShealtiel,⁴ and ^rShealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

14 and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor,

15 and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud,

16 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob,

17 and Jacob the father of ^sJoseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

18 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to ^tthe Christ fourteen generations.

¹Greek *Aram*; also verse 4 ²*Asaph* is probably an alternate spelling for *Asa*; also verse 8

³*Amos* is probably an alternate spelling for *Amon*; some manuscripts read *Amon*; twice in this verse ⁴Greek *Salathiel*; twice in this verse

The Birth of Jesus Christ

¶ 18 Now the birth of "Jesus Christ¹ took place in this way. "When his mother Mary had been betrothed² to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child "from the Holy Spirit.

19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling ^xto put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

20 But as he considered these things, behold, ^yan angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will bear a son, and ^zyou shall call his name Jesus, "for he will save his people from their sins."

22 ^bAll this took place ^cto fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 ^d"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name "Immanuel"

(which means, God ^fwith us).

24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,

25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And ^ghe called his name Jesus.

The Visit of the Wise Men

2 Now ^hafter Jesus was born in ⁱBethlehem of Judea ^jin the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men³ from ^kthe east came to Jerusalem,

2 saying, "Where is he who has been born ^lking of the Jews? For we saw ^mhis star when it rose⁴ and have come to "worship him."

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where ⁿthe Christ was to be born.

5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 ^p"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 ^qshepherd my people Israel."

¶ 7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

8 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."

9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, ^rthey offered him gifts, ^sgold and ^tfrankincense and ^umyrrh.

¹Ver. 1; Mark 1:1; John 1:17; 17:3; [ver. 16] ²Luke 1:27 ³Luke 1:35 ⁴[Deut. 24:1]

²⁰ch. 2:13, 19; [ch. 2:12, 22]

²¹Ver. 25; Luke 1:31; 2:21 ²²Luke 2:11; Acts 4:12; 5:31; 13:23, 38; [Acts 3:26]

²²ch. 2:14; 26:56; John 19:36 ^{ch.} 2:15, 23; 4:14; Mark 14:49

²³Cited from Isa. 7:14 ⁴Isa. 8:8, 10 ^fSee ch. 28:20

²⁵Ver. 21

Chapter 2
¹Luke 2:4-7 ¹Luke 2:15; John 7:42 ²Luke 1:5 ³[Gen. 25:6; 1 Kgs. 4:30] ²ch. 27:11, 37; Jer. 23:5; 30:9; Zech. 9:9 ⁴[Num. 24:17; Rev. 22:16] ⁴See ch. 8:2 ⁴See ch. 1:17

⁶Cited from Mic. 5:2 ⁴Ezek. 34:23; John 21:15-17; [2 Sam. 5:2; Rev. 7:17]

¹¹[1 Sam. 9:7; Ps. 72:10] ¹Isa. 60:6 ⁴Rev. 18:13 ⁴Ex. 30:23; Ps. 45:8; John 19:39

¹Some manuscripts of the Christ ²That is, legally pledged to be married ³Greek magi; also verses 7, 16 ⁴Or in the east; also verse 9

12 And ^vbeing warned ^win a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Flight to Egypt

¶ 13 Now when they had departed, behold, ^xan 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 until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt

15 and remained there until the death of Herod. ^yThis was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, ^z"Out of Egypt I called my son."

Herod Kills the Children

¶ 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, 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 that he had ascertained from the wise men.

17 ^aThen was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 ^b"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they ^care no more."

The Return to Nazareth

¶ 19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for ^dthose who sought the child's life are dead."

21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and ^ebeing warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

23 And he went and lived in a city called ^fNazareth, ^gthat what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 ^hIn those days ⁱJohn the Baptist came preaching in ^jthe wilderness of Judea,

2 ^k"Repent, for ^lthe kingdom of heaven is at hand."

3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

^m"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

ⁿ"Prepare¹ the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight."

4 Now John wore ^oa garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was ^plocusts and ^qwild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him,

¹²Ver. 22; [ver. 13, 19] ¹³[ch. 27:19; Gen. 20:6; 31:11; Num. 12:6; Job 33:15]

¹³Ver. 19; ch. 1:20; [ver. 12, 22]

¹⁵See ch. 1:22 ^zCited from Hos. 11:1

¹⁷ch. 27:9; [ch. 1:22]

¹⁸Cited from Jer. 31:15 ⁴Gen. 42:13, 36; Lam. 5:7

²⁰[Ex. 4:19]

²²See ver. 12

²³ch. 4:13; Mark 1:9; Luke 1:26; 2:39; 4:16; John 1:45 ⁴See ch. 1:22

Chapter 3

¹For ver. 1-12, see Mark 1:2-8; Luke 3:2-17 ¹John 1:6, 7 ¹Josh. 15:61; [Judg. 1:16] ²ch. 4:17; Mark 1:15 ⁴ch. 10:7; Dan. 2:44; [ch. 6:10] ³John 1:23; Cited from Isa. 40:3 ⁴Luke 1:76

⁴2 Kgs. 1:8; Zech. 13:4; [Heb. 11:37] ⁴Lev. 11:22 ⁴1 Sam. 14:26

¹Or crying: Prepare in the wilderness

6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, ^rconfessing their sins.

¶ 7 But when he saw many of ^sthe Pharisees and ^tSadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ““You brood of ^vvipers! Who warned you to flee from ^wthe wrath to come?”

8 Bear fruit ^xin keeping with repentance.

9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, ^y“We have Abraham as our father; for I tell you, God is able from ^zthese stones to raise up children for Abraham.

10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. “Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¶ 11 ^b“I baptize you with water ^cfor repentance, but ^dhe who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you ^ewith the Holy Spirit and ^ffire.

12 His ^gwinnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and ^hgather his wheat into the barn, ⁱbut the chaff he will burn with ^junquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

¶ 13 ^kThen Jesus came ^lfrom Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

14 ^mJohn would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, ⁿthe heavens were opened to him, ^oand he ^psaw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

17 and behold, ^qa voice from heaven said, ^r“This is my beloved Son, ²with whom I am well pleased.”

The Temptation of Jesus

4 ^sThen Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness ^tto be tempted by the devil.

2 And after fasting ^uforty days and forty nights, he ^vwas hungry.

3 And ^wthe tempter came and said to him, “If you are ^xthe Son of God, command ^ythese stones to become loaves of bread.”

4 But he answered, ^z“It is written,

““Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

5 ^bThen the devil took him to ^cthe holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple

6 and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

^d“He will command his angels concerning you,”

and

6^rActs 19:18

7^cch. 23:13, 15
ch. 22:23^uch.
12:34; 23:33^yPs.
140:3^wRom. 5:9;
Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6;
1 Thess. 1:10
8^aActs 26:20
9^yJohn 8:39
^z[ch. 4:3]

10ⁱch. 7:19; Luke
13:7, 9; John
15:2, 6

11^jJohn 1:26; Acts
1:5^aActs 13:24;
19:4^dJohn 1:15,
27; 3:30, 31; Acts
13:25^gJohn 1:33;
Acts 11:16^fIsa.
4:4; Mal. 3:2, 3;
Acts 2:31

12^hIsa. 30:24^hch.
13:30^oMal. 4:1
^jMark 9:43, 48

13^kFor ver. 13-17,
see Mark 1:9-11;
Luke 3:21, 22;
[John 1:32-34]
ch. 2:22

14^m[John 13:6]

16ⁿActs 7:56
^oJohn 1:32, 33;
[Luke 4:18, 21;
Acts 10:38]

17^qJohn 12:28^rch.
17:5; 2 Pet. 1:17;
[Ps. 2:7; Isa. 42:1;
Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:13;
1 John 5:9]

Chapter 4

1^sFor ver. 1-11,
see Mark 1:12, 13;
Luke 4:1-13^t[Heb.
2:18; 4:15]

2^u[Deut. 9:9, 18;
1 Kgs. 19:8]^v[John
4:6, 7]

3^w1 Thess. 3:5
^zSee ch. 14:33
^y[ch. 3:9]

4^aver. 7, 10; Eph.
6:17^cCited from
Deut. 8:3; [John
4:34]

5^bLuke 4:9^cch.
27:53; Neh. 11:18;
Isa. 48:2; 52:1;
Rev. 11:2; [Ps.
46:4; 48:1; Rev.
21:2; 22:19]
6^dCited from Ps.
91:11, 12

7^cver. 4, 10^eCited
from Deut. 6:16
^d[Isa. 7:12]
8^hLuke 4:5

10ⁱSee 1 Chr. 21:1
^jver. 4, 7^kCited
from Deut. 6:13
^l1 Sam. 7:3

11^mch. 26:53;
Luke 22:43

12ⁿch. 14:3; Mark
1:14; Luke 3:19,
20; [John 3:24]
^oLuke 4:14

13^pSee ch.
2:23^q[ch. 9:1]
^rJohn 6:1^sJosh.
19:32-34

14^tSee ch. 1:22
15^uCited from Isa.
9:1, 2

16^vIsa. 42:7; Luke
1:79^wJob 3:5; Ps.
23:4; Amos 5:8

17^qMark 1:14
^rch. 3:2

18^sFor ver. 18-22,
see Mark 1:16-20;
[Luke 5:2-11; John
1:40-42]^tver. 13

19^cch. 13:47

23^dMark 1:39
^ech. 9:35; 13:54;
Mark 1:21; Luke
4:15; John 18:20
^fch. 24:14; Luke
4:43; [ch. 13:19]
^gch. 8:16; 14:35,
36; Mark 1:34;
6:55, 56
24^hLuke 2:2ⁱ[See
ver. 23 above]^jch.
8:6^k[John 10:21]
^lch. 17:15^mch.
9:2, 6

““On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

7 Jesus said to him, “Again ^eit is written, ^f“You shall not ^gput the Lord your God to the test.”

8 ^hAgain, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

10 Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, ⁱSatan! For ^jit is written,

^k““You shall worship the Lord your God
and ^lhim only shall you serve.””

11 Then the devil left him, and behold, ^mangels came and were ministering to him.

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¶ 12 Now when he heard that ⁿJohn had been arrested, ^ohe withdrew into Galilee.

13 And leaving ^pNazareth he went and lived in ^qCapernaum by ^rthe sea, in the territory of ^sZebulun and Naphtali,

14 ^tso that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 ““The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 ^vthe people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and ^wshadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.””

17 ^xFrom that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ^z“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¶ 18 ^aWhile walking by ^bthe Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you ^cfishers of men.”

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.

22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

¶ 23 ^dAnd he went throughout all Galilee, ^eteaching in their synagogues and ^fproclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and ^ghealing every disease and every affliction among the people.

24 So his fame spread throughout all ^hSyria, and ⁱthey brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and ^jpains, ^kthose oppressed by demons, ^lepileptics, and ^mparalytics, and he healed them.

¹ Some manuscripts omit to him ² Or my Son, my (or the) Beloved

25 ^mAnd great crowds followed him from Galilee and the ⁿDecapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The Sermon on the Mount

5 Seeing the crowds, ^ohe went up on the mountain, and when he ^psat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

- ¶ 2 And ^qhe opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
 - ¶ 3 ^r“Blessed are ^sthe poor in spirit, for ^ttheirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - ¶ 4 “Blessed are ^vthose who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
 - ¶ 5 “Blessed are the ^wmeek, for they ^xshall inherit the earth.
 - ¶ 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and ^xthirst ^yfor righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 - ¶ 7 “Blessed are ^zthe merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
 - ¶ 8 “Blessed are ^athe pure in heart, for ^bthey shall see God.
 - ¶ 9 “Blessed are ^cthe peacemakers, for ^dthey shall be called ^e‘sons’ of God.
 - ¶ 10 ^f“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for ^ttheirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - ¶ 11 ^g“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely ^hon my account.
- 12 ⁱRejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for ^jso they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

- ¶ 13 “You are the salt of the earth, ^kbut 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 trampled under people’s feet.
 - ¶ 14 ^l“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- 15 ^mNor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so ⁿthat they may see your good works and ^ogive glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

- ¶ 17 ^p“Do not think that I have come to abolish ^qthe Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but ^rto fulfill them.
- 18 For truly, I say to you, ^suntil heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
- 19 ^tTherefore whoever relaxes ^uone of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least ^vin the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great ^vin the kingdom of heaven.
- 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds ^wthat of the scribes and Pharisees, you ^xwill never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Anger

- ¶ 21 ^y“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ^z“You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable ^ato judgment.’
- 22 But I say to you that ^beveryone who is angry with his brother² will be

¹Greek *huiou*; see preface ²Some manuscripts insert *without cause*

liable ^ato judgment; whoever insults¹ his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to ^c‘the hell’ of fire.

- 23 ^dSo if ^eyou are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,
- 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
- 25 ^fCome to terms 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.
- 26 Truly, I say to you, ^gyou will never get out until you have paid the last penny.³

Lust

- ¶ 27 ^h“You have heard that it was said, ⁱ“You shall not commit adultery.’
- 28 But I say to you that ^jeveryone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- 29 ^kIf your right eye ^lcauses you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into ^mhell.
- 30 ^kAnd if your right hand ^lcauses you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into ^mhell.

Divorce

- ¶ 31 ^h“It was also said, ⁿ“Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’
- 32 ^oBut I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and ^pwhoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

- ¶ 33 “Again ^hyou have heard that it was said to those of old, ^q“You shall not swear falsely, but ^rshall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’
- 34 But I say to you, ^sDo not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for ^tit is the throne of God,
- 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is ^uthe city of the great King.
- 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.
- 37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; ^vanything more than this comes from evil.⁴

Retaliation

- ¶ 38 ^h“You have heard that it was said, ^y“An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’
- 39 But I say to you, ^zDo not resist the one who is evil. But ^aif anyone ^bslaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.
- 40 And ^zif anyone would sue you and take your tunic,⁵ let him have your cloak as well.
- 41 And if anyone ^cforces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

¹Greek *says Raca* to (a term of abuse) ²Greek *Gehenna*; also verses 29, 30 ³Greek *kodrantēs*, Roman copper coin (Latin *quadrans*) worth about 1/64 of a *denarius* (which was a day’s wage for a laborer) ⁴Or *the evil one* ⁵Greek *chiton*, a long garment worn under the cloak next to the skin

25^mMark 3:7, 8; Luke 6:17 ⁿMark 5:20
Chapter 5
 1^och. 15:29 ^pLuke 4:20
 2^qPs. 78:2
 3^rFor ver. 3-12, [Luke 6:20-23] ^s[Isa. 61:1; 66:2] ^t[Luke 12:32]
 4^sIsa. 61:2, 3; John 16:20; 2 Cor. 1:7; 7:10; Rev. 21:4; [James 4:9, 10]
 5^tPs. 37:11
 6^uPs. 42:2; Isa. 55:1, 2; John 7:37 ^v2 Tim. 2:22; [ch. 6:33]
 7^vch. 18:33; 25:34-36; Prov. 19:17; Luke 6:36; 2 Tim. 1:16; Heb. 6:10
 8^wPs. 24:4; 2 Tim. 2:22; [1 Pet. 1:22] ^xHeb. 12:14; 1 John 3:2, 3; Rev. 22:4; [1 Cor. 13:12]
 9^xJames 3:18 ^y1 John 3:1 ^zRom. 8:14
 10^y2 Tim. 2:12; James 5:11; 1 Pet. 3:14 ^z[See ver. 3 above]
 11^zHeb. 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:14 ^aJohn 15:21
 12^aActs 5:41; Rom. 5:3; 2 Cor. 12:10; Col. 1:11, 24; Heb. 10:34; James 1:2; 1 Pet. 4:13 ^bSee ch. 21:35
 13^bMark 9:50; Luke 14:34
 14^cEph. 5:8; Phil. 2:15; [John 8:12]
 15^cMark 4:21; Luke 8:16; 11:33
 16^dPhilem. 6; 1 Pet. 2:12 ^eJohn 15:8; 2 Cor. 9:13; Phil. 1:11; [ch. 9:8]
 17^dRom. 3:31 ^fch. 7:12 ^f[Rom. 10:4; 13:8; Gal. 3:24]
 18^eLuke 16:17; [ch. 24:35]
 19^f[1 Cor. 3:12-15] ^g[Gal. 3:10; James 2:10] ^gch. 11:11; 18:1-4
 20^f[Rom. 10:3; Phil. 3:9] ^hJohn 3:5
 21^fver. 33; [ver. 27, 31, 38, 43] ^hCited from Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17; [ch. 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; James 2:11] ⁱDeut. 16:18
 22^h1 John 3:15

22^o[See ver. 21 above] ⁱch. 18:9; Mark 9:43; James 3:6; [ver. 29]
 23^o[ch. 6:15; Mark 11:25] ⁱch. 8:4; 23:18
 25^oLuke 12:58, 59
 26^o[ch. 18:34, 35]
 27^hSee ver. 21 ⁱCited from Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18
 28^oJob 31:1; Prov. 6:25; [2 Sam. 11:2]
 29^och. 18:8, 9; Mark 9:43-48 ⁱch. 13:41; Luke 17:1 ^mch. 10:28; 23:15, 33; Luke 12:5; [ver. 22]
 30^o[See ver. 29 above] ⁱ[See ver. 29 above] ^m[See ver. 29 above]
 31^h[See ver. 27 above] ^mch. 19:7; Jer. 3:1; Cited from Deut. 24:1
 32^och. 19:9; Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18; [1 Cor. 7:10, 11] ^pRom. 7:3
 33^h[See ver. 27 above] ^qLev. 19:12; 1 Tim. 1:10 ^qNum. 30:2; Deut. 23:21; Eccles. 5:4
 34^oJames 5:12 ⁱch. 23:22; Isa. 66:1; Acts 7:49; See Rev. 4:2
 35^oPs. 48:2
 37^o[Prov. 10:19]
 38^h[See ver. 27 above] ^jCited from Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21
 39ⁱ1 Pet. 2:23 ^lFor ver. 39-42, see Luke 6:29, 30; [Rom. 12:17] ^hch. 26:67; Isa. 50:6; Lam. 3:30
 40^o[See ver. 39 above]
 41^och. 27:32

42 ^dGive to the one who begs from you, and ^edo not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Love Your Enemies

¶ 43 ^f“You have heard that it was said, ^g“You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.”

44 But I say to you, ⁱLove your enemies and ^jpray for those who persecute you,

45 ^kso 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 ^lsends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 ^mFor if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 And if you greet only your brothers,¹ what more are you doing than others? Do not even ⁿthe Gentiles do the same?

48 ^oYou therefore must be ^pperfect, ^qas your heavenly Father is perfect.

Giving to the Needy

6 ^r“Beware of ^rpracticing your righteousness before other people in order ^sto be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

¶ 2 ^t“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may ^ube praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have ^vreceived their reward.

3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4 so that your giving may be in secret. ^wAnd your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Lord’s Prayer

¶ 5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love ^xto stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. ^yTruly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

6 But when you pray, ^zgo into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. ^aAnd your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¶ 7 “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as ^bthe Gentiles do, for ^cthey think that they will be heard ^dfor their many words.

8 Do not be like them, ^efor your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 ^fPray then like this:

^g“Our Father in heaven,
^hhallowed be ⁱyour name.²

10 ^jYour kingdom come,
^kyour will be done,³
^lon earth as it is in heaven.

11 ^mGive us ⁿthis day our daily bread,⁴

12 and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

42^dPs. 37:21; Prov. 21:26^e Deut. 15:8; Ps. 37:26; 112:5; Luke 6:34, 35

43^fSee ver. 21^gCited from Lev. 19:18; See ch. 19:19

44ⁱLuke 6:27, 28; Rom. 12:20; [Ex. 23:4; Job 31:29, 30; Ps. 7:4]^jLuke 23:34; Acts 7:60; 2 Tim. 4:16; 1 Pet. 3:9

45^kLuke 6:35; [Eph. 5:1; Phil. 2:15]^lActs 14:17

46^mLuke 6:32

47ⁿch. 6:7, 32

48^o[Luke 6:36]^pch. 19:21; 1 Cor. 2:6 (Gk.); Phil. 3:15 (Gk.); Col. 1:28; 4:12 (Gk.); James 1:4; 3:2; See Gen. 17:1^q[Lev. 19:2; 1 Pet. 1:15]

Chapter 6
1^r1 John 2:29^sver. 16; ch. 23:5
2^t[1 Cor. 13:3]
^uJohn 5:44^vLuke 6:24

4^wver. 6, 18

5^xMark 11:25; Luke 18:11^yver. 2, 16

6^z2 Kgs. 4:33; Isa. 26:20^aver. 4, 18

7^bver. 32; ch. 5:47
^c1 Kgs. 18:26
^dProv. 10:19; Eccles. 5:2
8^ever. 32

9^fFor ver. 9-13, [Luke 11:2-4]
^gver. 1^hIsa. 29:23; [Luke 1:49; 1 Pet. 3:15]ⁱJohn 17:6

10^j[ch. 3:2; 4:17]
^kch. 26:42; Luke 22:42; Acts 21:14; [ch. 12:50; Heb. 13:21] Ps. 103:20, 21; Dan. 4:35
11^mProv. 30:8
ⁿ[ver. 34]

13 And ^olead us not into temptation, but ^pdeliver us from ^qevil.¹

14 ^rFor if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

15 ^sbut if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Fasting

¶ 16 “And ^twhen you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. ^uTruly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

17 But when you fast, ^vanoint your head and wash your face,

18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. ^wAnd your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

¶ 19 ^x“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where ^ymoth and rust² destroy and where thieves ^zbreak in and steal,

20 ^abut lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

¶ 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,

23 ^bbut if ^byour eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

¶ 24 “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 ^dmoney.³

Do Not Be Anxious

¶ 25 “Therefore I tell you, ^fdo not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 ^gLook at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. ^hAre you not of more value than they?

27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his ⁱspan of life?⁴

28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,

29 yet I tell you, ^jeven Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 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, ^kO you of little faith?

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For ^lthe Gentiles seek after all these things, and ^myour heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

13^och. 26:41; Mark 14:38; Luke 22:40, 46; [1 Cor. 10:13]^pJohn 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3; [2 Tim. 4:18]^qSee ch. 13:19

14^rMark 11:25; Luke 6:37; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13

15^sch. 18:35; See James 2:13

16^tIsa. 58:5
^uver. 2, 5

17^vRuth 3:3;

2 Sam. 12:20

18^wver. 4, 6

19^xch. 19:21; Luke 12:21, 33, 34; 18:22; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17-19; Heb. 13:5^yJames 5:2, 3
^zch. 24:43

20^a[See ver. 19 above]

22^bLuke 11:34, 35

23^b[See ver. 22 above]^cch. 20:15; Deut. 15:9; Prov. 28:22

24^dLuke 16:13; [Rom. 6:16; James 4:4]^eLuke 16:9, 11, 13

25^fFor ver. 25-33, see Luke 12:22-31
^gver. 27, 28, 31, 34; ch. 10:19; 13:22 (Gk.); 1 Cor. 7:32 (Gk.); Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

26^g[Job 38:41; Ps. 147:9]^hch. 10:31

27ⁱLuke 2:52

29^j1 Kgs. 10:4-7

30^kch. 8:26; 14:31; 16:8; [ch. 17:20]

32^lver. 7^mver. 8

¹Or *brothers and sisters*. The plural Greek word *adelphoi* (translated “brothers”) refers to siblings in a family. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, *adelphoi* may refer either to *brothers* or to *brothers and sisters* ²Or *Let your name be kept holy*, or *Let your name be treated with reverence* ³Or *Let your kingdom come, let your will be done* ⁴Or *our bread for tomorrow*

¹Or *the evil one*; some manuscripts add *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen* ²Or *worm*; also verse 20 ³Greek *mammōn*, a Semitic word for money or possessions ⁴Or *a single cubit to his stature*; a cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters

33 But ^oseek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, ^pand all these things will be added to you.

¶ **34** ^q“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Judging Others

7 ^r“Judge not, that you be not judged.

2 ^sFor with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and ^twith the measure you use it will be measured to you.

3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but ^udo not notice the log that is in your own eye?

4 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?

5 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.

¶ **6** ^v“Do not give ^wdogs what is holy, and do not throw your ^xpearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Ask, and It Will Be Given

¶ **7** ^y“Ask, ^zand it will be given to you; ^aseek, and you will find; ^bknock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for ‘bread, will give him ‘a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

11 If you then, ^dwho are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will ^eyour Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Golden Rule

¶ **12** “So ^fwhatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is ^fthe Law and the Prophets.

¶ **13** ^g“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy¹ that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

14 For the gate is narrow and ^hthe way is hard that leads to life, and ⁱthose who find it are few.

A Tree and Its Fruit

¶ **15** ^j“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ^kravenous wolves.

16 You will recognize them ^lby their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

17 So, ^mevery healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.

18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

19 ⁿEvery tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 Thus you will recognize them ^lby their fruits.

33^o[ch. 5:6, 20]
^pver. 10^p[1 Kgs. 3:11-14; Mark 10:29, 30; 1 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 3:9]
34^q[James 4:13, 14]

Chapter 7

1^rFor ver. 1-5, see Luke 6:37, 38, 41, 42; [Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 4:5; James 5:9]
2^sRom. 2:1, 3; 14:10; James 2:13; 4:11, 12^s Mark 4:24; [Judg. 1:7]
3^t[John 8:7-9]

6^vch. 15:26; [Prov. 9:7, 8; 23:9]
^w[Phil. 3:2; Rev. 22:15]
^xch. 13:46

7^yFor ver. 7-11, see Luke 11:9-13^zch. 18:19; 21:22; Mark 11:24; John 14:13; 15:7, 16; 16:23, 24; James 1:5, 6, 17; 1 John 3:22; 5:14, 15^a1 Chr. 28:9; 2 Chr. 15:2; Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:13; [Isa. 55:6]
^b[Rev. 3:20]
9^cch. 4:3
11^dch. 12:34; Gen. 6:5; 8:21^e[See ver. 7 above]

12^fLuke 6:31^fSee ch. 22:40

13^gLuke 13:24

14^hPs. 16:11; [ch. 18:8; John 14:6]
ⁱ[Luke 13:23]

15^jch. 24:11, 24; Deut. 13:1-3; Jer. 14:14; 23:16; Mark 13:22; Luke 6:26; Acts 13:6; 2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1
^kEzek. 22:27; Acts 20:29; [Mic. 3:5; John 10:12]

16Luke 6:43, 44; James 2:18
17^mch. 12:33-35

19ⁿSee ch. 3:10

20[See ver. 16 above]

I Never Knew You

¶ **21** ^o“Not everyone who ^psays to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will ^qenter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who ^rdoes the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 ^sOn that day ^tmany will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not ^uprophesy in your name, and cast out demons ^vin your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

23 ^wAnd then will I declare to them, ‘I ^xnever knew you; ^ydepart from me, ^zyou workers of lawlessness.’

Build Your House on the Rock

¶ **24** ^a“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like ^aa wise man who built his house on the rock.

25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like ^aa foolish man who built his house on the sand.

27 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.”

The Authority of Jesus

¶ **28** And when Jesus finished these sayings, ^bthe crowds were astonished at his teaching.

29 ^cfor he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

8 When he came down from the mountain, ^dgreat crowds followed him.

2 ^eAnd behold, a leper^f came to him and ^gknelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”

3 And Jesus^h stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus said to him, ⁱ“See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, ^jshow yourself to the priest and ^koffer the gift that Moses commanded, ^lfor a proof to them.”

The Faith of a Centurion

¶ **5** ^mWhen he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him,

6 “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.”

7 And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8 But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but ⁿonly say the word, and my servant will be healed.

9 For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant,^o ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

10 When Jesus heard this, ^phe marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with ^qno one in Israel⁴ have I found such faith.

11 I tell you, ^rmany will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,

21^oLuke 6:46; Rom. 2:13; James 1:22^p[Hos. 8:2]
^q[John 3:3, 5]^rch. 12:50
22^sch. 25:11, 12; Luke 13:25-27
^tMal. 3:17, 18
^u[Num. 24:4; John 11:51; 1 Cor. 13:2]
^vSee Mark 9:38

23^w[See ver. 22 above]^xch. 10:33; [Ps. 101:4]^ych. 25:41; Ps. 6:8^zch. 13:41; Ps. 5:5

24^aFor ver. 24-27, see Luke 6:47-49
^bch. 25:2; [Ezek. 13:10-14]

26^c[See ver. 24 above]

28^bch. 13:54; 22:33; Mark 1:22; 6:2; 11:18; Luke 4:32; [Acts 13:12]
29^cJohn 7:46

Chapter 8

1^dch. 4:25
2^eFor ver. 2-4, see Mark 1:40-44; Luke 5:12-14
^f[ch. 18:26; Acts 10:25]

^gch. 9:30; 17:9; Mark 1:34; 5:43; 7:36; 8:26; See ch. 12:16^hLuke 17:14
ⁱLev. 14:2-32^jch. 10:18; 24:14; Mark 6:11; Luke 9:5; James 5:3

5^mFor ver. 5-13, see Luke 7:1-10

ⁿPs. 107:20; [ver. 16]

10^p[Mark 6:6]
^qSee ch. 9:2

11^rLuke 13:29; Eph. 3:6; [Isa. 59:19; Mal. 1:11]

¹Some manuscripts *For the way is wide and easy*

¹Leprosy was a term for several skin diseases; see Leviticus 13 ²Greek *he* ³Greek *bondservant* ⁴Some manuscripts *not even in Israel*