

The Essential New Testament

John, Ephesians, and Selected Verses

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A Decision For Christ

You can receive Christ today to forgive your sins and give you eternal life. You only need to pray and ask Him to come into your heart, forgive you, and save you. When you receive Him, He will wash away your sins by the blood of His cross and baptize you in the Holy Spirit. God's Word promises that He will never leave you nor forsake you. You can always be assured of spending eternity with Him in heaven.

A Prayer to Receive Christ

“Lord Jesus, I believe that I am a sinner and that You love me and died on the Cross for my sins. I believe that You are God, the one and only Savior, and only faith in You can save me and make me righteous in the Father's eyes. I want to know You and follow You forever. Come into my heart, forgive all my sins, baptize me in the Holy Spirit, and give me the free gift of eternal life. Thank You. Amen.”

Your New Life in Christ

If you have just said this prayer and sincerely believe, right now the angels are rejoicing in heaven. **“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than in ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”** Luke 15:7. You have just been born into God's family and nothing can ever separate you from Christ and His love. Give praise to our Heavenly Father and thank Him for this wonderful gift.

Get off to a good start in your new life by reading the Bible and praying every day. Meet with other born-again Christians by attending a church or fellowship that believes in: the absolute truth of God's Word, the Deity of Christ,

The Gospel

According to John

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This is the One who was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him nothing came into being. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men; the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. This man came to be a witness, that he might witness concerning the Light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the Light, but bore witness to the light.

This was the true Light that enlightens every man that was coming into the world. He was in the world and the world came into being through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him; but to as many as received Him, He gave them the right to become the children of God, to those believing in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as an only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John witnessed about Him and cried out saying, “This is the man of whom I said, ‘The One coming after me is above me, because He existed before me.’”

Out of His fullness we have all received grace upon grace. The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No man has ever seen God. The only begotten Son of God, who is in the bosom of the Father, is the One who reveals Him.

He will Never Leave Us

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers nor powers, nor present nor future things, nor heights nor depths, nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38

For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5

Renew Your Mind

I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present you bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of you mind, that you may prove what is the will of God—the good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:1,2

Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on earth. Colossians 3:1,2

Encouragement for Living

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has freed us from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1,2

And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, for those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying and stayed with Him that day. It was about ten in the morning.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, one of the two who heard John and followed Him, found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (meaning Christ), and led him to Jesus. Looking at him Jesus said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah; you shall be called Cephas (meaning Peter).”

The next day, wanting to go to Galilee, He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip then found Nathaniel and said to him, “We have found the One written about by Moses in the Law and by the Prophets: Jesus, the son of Joseph, the One from Nazareth.” Nathaniel said to him, “Is it possible for anything good to come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus, seeing Nathaniel coming toward Him, said of him, “Behold, truly, an Israelite in whom is no deceit!” Nathaniel said to Him, “From where do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.” Nathaniel said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? Greater things than these will you see.” And He said to him, “Very certainly I say to you, the day is coming when you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and His disciples were invited. When they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no more wine.” Jesus said to her, “What is that between you and me, woman? My hour is not yet come.” His mother told the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do.” There were six stone water jars lying there according to the Jewish purification rites, each holding two or three measures.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to assemble together, as is the custom for some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24

Generosity

“Give and it will be given to you—good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over they will pour into your lap. For with the same type of measure you use, it will be measured to you in return.” Luke 6:38

Now this I say, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one should give as he decides in his heart, not reluctantly or coerced, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:6,7

New Life in Christ

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. II Corinthians 5:17

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Results of Unbelief

When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in a blaze of fire with His mighty angels He will inflict retribution on those who do not know God and on those who disobey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. They will pay the penalty of everlasting ruin, shut out from the presence of the Lord and from His glorious power. . . II Thessalonians 1:8-10

3 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, who was a ruler of the Jews. He came to Him at night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent from God, because no one could do the signs you have done if God were not with him.” Jesus answered him, “Very certainly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He is not able to enter his mother’s womb to be born a second time, is he?” Jesus answered, “Very certainly I say to you, unless a person is born of water and Spirit, he is unable to enter the kingdom of God. What is born of the flesh is flesh and what is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Do not be amazed when I tell you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it wants to and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know from where it came or to where it is going. So it is with anyone who has been born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How is this possible?” Jesus answered him, “You are a teacher of Israel and you do not know about this? Very certainly I say to you, what We know about We speak of, and what We have seen We testify to, yet you do not receive Our testimony. If I tell you earthly things and you do not believe, why should I tell you heavenly things? Will you believe them?”

“No one has gone up into heaven except the One who came down, the Son of Man, who is from heaven. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. The believer in Him is not condemned, but the unbeliever has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Deity of Christ

For all things were created by Him, everything in heaven and everything on earth; the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities, all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all, and in Him all things are held together. Colossians 1:16,17

In the last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom He also made all things. Being the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His being, He upholds the universe by the power of His word. Hebrews 1:2,3

The Holy Spirit

“I indeed baptize you with water for repentance, but the One coming after me is stronger than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 3:11

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you, but if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. Romans 8:9

Faith

But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for whoever comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

Answering, Jesus said to them, “Have faith in God, for I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes what he says will come to pass, it shall be done for him.” Mark 11:22,23

more disciples than John (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), He left Judea and went away into Galilee. It was necessary for Him to go through Samaria. He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land which Jacob gave to his son Joseph. The well of Jacob was there, so Jesus, having become tired from the journey, was sitting by the well. It was about six in the evening.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who the One saying to you, ‘Give me a drink’ is, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep, how will You get this living water? Surely you are not greater than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it, as well his sons and livestock?” Jesus answered her, “Everyone who drinks this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give him will certainly never thirst again, but the water I give him will become a fountain of water within him springing up into eternal life.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water so that I will not get thirsty or have to come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband here.” The woman answered, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus said to her, “Well you say, ‘I do not have a husband,’ for you have had five husbands and the one you have now is not your husband. You have told the truth.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain but you say that Jerusalem in the proper place to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, a time is coming when neither on this mountain nor in

The Judgment Day

“He has appointed a day in which He is going to judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He ordained, having proven this to all by raising Him from the dead.” Acts 17:31

Another book was opened, the Book of Life, and the dead were judged according to their works written in the books. . . And whoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:12, 15

Defeating the Adversary

Put on the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the clever schemes of the devil, because our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers and authorities, against the world powers of this age of darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms . . . Ephesians 6:11-12

You are of God, little children, and you have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. I John 4:4

Jesus Is Coming Again

“And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory. And He will send out His angels with the sound of a great trumpet, and they will gather His chosen from the four winds, from one end of heaven to another.” Matthew 24:30-31

For with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God, the Lord Himself will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ Jesus will rise first. Then we, who are living, who remain, will be caught up together with them in

to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said, but we believe ourselves, for we have heard and know that this is truly the Savior of the world, the Messiah.”

After two days He left there and went into Galilee. Jesus Himself testified that a prophet is not honored in His own country. But when He came into Galilee, the Galileans received Him because they had seen everything that He had done at the feast in Jerusalem, for they had gone to the feast.

Jesus then came into Cana of Galilee again where He had turned the water into wine. There was an aristocrat there whose son was sick in Capernaum. Having heard that Jesus had come from Judea, he went to Him and asked Him if He would come down and heal his son because his son was about to die. Jesus said to him, “Unless I show you signs and wonders you will certainly not believe.” The aristocrat said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” Jesus said to him, “Go, your son lives.” The man believed the words Jesus spoke, and went on his way. As he was returning his servants met him and reported, saying, “Your child lives!” So he asked them, “From what hour did he get better?” They answered, “Yesterday, at seven the fever left him.” The father realized that this was the same hour that Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” He and his entire household believed. This was the second sign Jesus did after coming into Galilee.

5 After this there was a feast of the Jews and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem there is a pool at the Sheep Gate called in Hebrew, Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these porticoes a great many sick people were lying—the blind, lame, and paralyzed—waiting for the stirring of the water. An angel from time to time would come down to the pool and stir the water. The first ones who jumped in after the stirring of the water were healed of whatever disease they were suffering from. There was a man with a disease who had been there for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing how long he had been there in that

The Wages of Sin

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

“The Son of Man will send forth His angels and they will collect out of His kingdom all that is offensive and those who practice lawlessness and will throw them into the fiery furnace.” Matthew 13: 41,42

Christ Died for Our Sins

For Christ also suffered once for sins on your behalf, the just on behalf of the unjust, so that He might bring us to God. I Peter 3:18

He Himself is an atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the whole world’s. I John 2:2

How to Be Saved

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I John 5:11,12

Assurance of Salvation

I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. I John 5:13

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“Very certainly I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes in the One who sent Me has eternal life. They will not come into judgment, but have passed out of death into life. Very certainly I say to you, the hour is coming, and is here now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. Just as the Father has life in Himself, so He gave the Son life to have in Himself, and has also given Him the authority to judge because He is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this because the hour is coming when those in their graves will hear His voice and will come out, those who did good things to the resurrection of life, and those who did evil to the resurrection of condemnation. I do nothing of Myself. Just as I hear, I judge, and My judgment is right, because I do not seek My will, but the Father’s who sent Me.

“If I testify about Myself, My testimony is invalid, but another testifies about Me, and I know that His testimony about Me is true. You have inquired of John and he has testified to the truth. I did not receive this testimony from men, but I say these things to you so that you may be saved. He was a burning, shining lamp, and you wanted to rejoice for a time in his light. But I have a testimony greater than that of John, for the works which the Father gave Me to finish, these works themselves testify about Me that the Father has sent Me. And He who sent Me, the Father Himself, has also testified about Me. You have neither heard His voice or ever seen His form, nor do you have His Word living in you, because you do not believe Him whom He has sent.

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life and it is they that bear witness to Me, yet you refuse to come to Me in order that you might have life. I do not receive glory from men. But I have come to know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. I have come in My Father’s name and you do not receive Me. If another comes in his own name you will

sea, got into a boat, and were going across to Capernaum. Darkness had already come but Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing them around. Having rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea, approaching the boat, and they were afraid. He said to them, "I am He; do not be afraid." They then gladly welcomed Him into the boat, and immediately the boat came to the land where they were going.

The next day the crowd was still on the opposite side of the sea. They saw that the boat the disciples had embarked in was gone and that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with them. The disciples had gone away by themselves. So when the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were still at the place where the Lord gave thanks for the bread they ate, near Tiberias, they got into boats and crossed over to Capernaum, looking for Him. Finding Jesus across the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them, "Very certainly I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate from the loaves of bread and were filled. Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which lasts for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, the One whom God the Father has set His seal upon."

They said to Him, "What should we do so that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God: that you believe in the One whom He has sent." They then said to Him, "Then what sign can You do so that we can see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'Bread out of heaven He gave them to eat.'" Jesus said to them, "Very certainly I say to you, Moses did not give bread out of heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is the One who comes out of heaven and gives life to the world." They answered Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the Bread of Life. The one who comes to Me

Slaves, obey your mortal masters with reverence and awe, in a sincere heart as to Christ, not with eyeservice as pleasers of men, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart—serving with goodwill as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will be rewarded by the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. And masters, do the same to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master is also in heaven and there is no partiality with Him.

Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the clever schemes of the devil. Because our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers and authorities, against the world powers of this age of darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. So take up the full armor of God so that you may be able to withstand the day of evil, and having achieved all, to stand.

Stand therefore and belt your waist with the truth, put on the breastplate of righteousness, and bind your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. In addition to all, take up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, praying in the Spirit on every occasion through every kind of prayer and petition. To this same end stay alert with all perseverance to make requests for all the saints, and also for me, that as I open my mouth I may be given bold speech to share the mystery of the Gospel, for which I serve as an ambassador in chains, that I may proclaim it as fearlessly as I should.

Now that you may know my circumstances and what I am doing, Tychius, my beloved brother and faithful servant of the Lord, will tell you all about us. I have sent him to you for this purpose, that you may realize what our situation is, and also that he may encourage your hearts.

His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day, for My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so too the one who partakes of Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven, unlike the manna your fathers ate and died. Whoever eats this bread will live throughout the ages.” These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

Many of His disciples who heard this said, “These are hard words, who is able to listen to them?” Because Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples were complaining about this, He said to them, “Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? The Spirit gives life; the flesh benefits nothing. The words that I speak to you are Spirit and Life. There are some among you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who would disbelieve and who would betray Him. And He said, “Because of this I have said to you that no one is able to come to Me unless it is granted him by my Father.”

From that time on many of His disciples turned back and would no longer walk with Him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you wish to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have come to know and believe that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” He answered him, “Have I not chosen you twelve, yet one of you is a devil?” Here He was speaking of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Even though he was one of the twelve, he was intending to hand Him over.

7 After this Jesus traveled in Galilee. He did not wish to go through Judea because the Jews there were seeking to kill Him. It was near the time of the Jewish feast of Tabernacles. His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go

Let him who stole no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing good work with his hands in order that he may have something to share with those who are in need.

Let no corrupt word come from your mouth but only what is good for edification as needed, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and blasphemy be removed from you, as well as all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. But let not sexual immorality, nor any impurity, nor greed be named among you, just as is proper for saints. Neither let there be obscenity, foolish talking, or coarse joking, which are not suitable, but rather thanksgiving. For you know that no sexually immoral person, nor anyone impure, nor the greedy, who are idolaters, will have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. So do not be participants with them, for you were once darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light—for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth—finding out what is pleasing to the Lord. And do not take part in the fruitless works of darkness, but rather expose them, for it is shameful to even mention what they do in secret. But all things that are exposed by the light are revealed, for it is light that makes everything visible. Therefore He says, “Wake up, you sleeping ones, arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you.”

Watch, therefore, that you walk carefully, not as

because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath? Do not judge by appearances, but make judgments that are right and just.”

Some of those of Jerusalem were saying, “Is this not the One they are seeking to kill? And look, He is speaking openly but they are saying nothing to Him! Could it be that the rulers found out that this really is the Christ? However, we know where this man is from, but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where He is from.”

So Jesus cried out as He taught in the Temple, saying, “You both know Me and know where I am from? I have not come from Myself, but am sent by the One who is true, whom you do not know. I know Him because I am from Him, and He sent Me.” So they were seeking to arrest Him but no one laid a hand on Him because His hour had not yet come. But many of the people believed in Him and were saying, “When the Messiah comes, He will not do more signs than this man did, will He?” The Pharisees heard the crowd discussing these things about Him, so the Pharisees and high priests sent attendants to arrest Him.

Then Jesus said to them, “I will be with you a short time and then I will go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and not find Me; and where I am, you are not able to come.” So the Jews said among themselves, “Where does this man intend to go where we will not find Him? He is not going into the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks, is He? What is this about which He said, ‘You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you are not able to come?’”

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, just as the Scripture says, ‘From deep within him will flow streams of living water.’” He said this about the Spirit whom those who believed in Him were about to receive. They had not yet been given the Holy Spirit because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

To me, the least of all saints, was given this grace to preach among the Gentiles the incomprehensible riches of Christ, and to bring to light the stewardship of this mystery, which has been hidden throughout the ages by God, who created all things through Jesus Christ. So now, the many-sided wisdom of God may be revealed through the Church to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. This is in accord with the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, by whom we have the confidence of bold access through faith in Him. So I ask you not to lose heart at my affliction on your behalf, which is your glory.

Because of this I bend my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by His Spirit in the inner self, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Being rooted and grounded in love, may you be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth—to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up with all the fulness of God.

Now to Him who is able to abundantly exceed anything we ask or think of according to the power at work within us, be glory in the church through Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

4 Therefore as the prisoner of the Lord, I urge you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, in all humility and gentleness, patiently bearing with one another in love, making every effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were also called in the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in us all.

But the grace given to each of us is measured by the free gift of Christ. Therefore He says, “When He ascended on high, He led captives into captivity, and He

wrote on the ground. Those who heard this began to leave one by one, beginning from the oldest to the youngest. Standing up, Jesus saw that only He and the woman remained, and He said, “Woman, where are your accusers; does no one condemn you?” And she said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on sin no more.”

Then Jesus came to them again and said, “I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will certainly not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” The Pharisees therefore said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; that invalidates Your testimony.” Jesus answered, “Even if I testify about Myself, my testimony is true because I know from where I came and to where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I do not judge anyone. But even if I were to judge, My judgment is true because I am not alone, for I am with the Father who sent Me. It is written in your law that the testimony of two men is valid. I testify about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me as well.”

They said to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me you would know My Father as well.” Jesus spoke these sayings in the treasury while teaching in the temple, and no one seized Him because His hour had not yet come.

Then Jesus again said to them, “I am going away and you will seek Me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you are not able to come.” So the Jews said, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going you are not able to come’?” And He said to them, “You are from below, I am from above. You are from this world. I am not from this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins, for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”

They then said to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in knowing Him, illuminating the eyes of your heart so that you may realize what this hope is to which He has called you, and what are all the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, as well as the extraordinary greatness of His power toward us who believe.

He demonstrated the strength of this mighty power when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under His feet, and made Him head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who is everywhere and fills everything.

2 And you were dead in transgressions and sins, in which you once behaved according to the ways of the world, and of the prince of the power of the air—the spirit of the one now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we all once conducted ourselves in our own lusts, as we indulged our fleshly desires and carnal thoughts, and so we were by nature, children of wrath, just like everyone else.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us together in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the extraordinary riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves, but is the gift of God—not because of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His craftsmanship, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God prepared beforehand, so that we would walk in them.

Remember therefore, that you were once Gentiles

to Me. The father you are from is the devil and you wish to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and he has not stood in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature because he is a liar and the father of lies. Because I speak the truth you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? If I am speaking the truth, why do you not believe Me?

“The One who is from God hears the words of God, but you do not hear them because you are not from God.” The Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say well that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered them, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father and you dishonor Me. I am not seeking My glory. There is One who judges and sees to that. Very certainly I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, they shall never taste death throughout the ages.”

Therefore the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died, and yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’ You are not greater than our father Abraham who died, are You? The prophets died as well. Who are you making Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered them, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who is glorifying Me of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ And yet you do not know Him, but I know Him. If I said I do not know Him I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word as well. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the prospect of seeing My day. He saw it and was happy.” Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty and You have seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Very certainly I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I Am.” So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus went out of the temple, being hidden as He passed through their midst.

9 And passing by, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his

is true. There are also many other things that Jesus did, which if every one were written down, I suppose not even the world itself would have room for the books that would be written. Amen.

His parents said this because they feared the Jews, since the Jews had already agreed to expel anyone from the synagogue who confessed Him as the Messiah.

Therefore they called the man who was born blind a second time and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered them, "Whether He is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind but now I see." And they said to him again, "What did He do to you. How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become His disciples also?" They denounced him saying, "You are a disciple of that man but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but this person, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered them, "This is remarkable that you do not know where He comes from, yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears them. Throughout the ages no one has ever heard of anyone opening the eyes of someone who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He would be able to do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were born completely in sins, and you teach us?" And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out and finding him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "That One is He whom you have seen and is also speaking to you." And he said, "I believe, Lord!" And he worshiped Him.

And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see, may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard this and asked Him, "We are not blind as well, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind you would not have sinned; but now, since you say, 'we see,' your sin remains."

and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, even though the doors were closed, and He stood among them and said, “Peace be to you” Then He said to Thomas, “Bring your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side. Do not be skeptical, but believing.” And Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “You have believed because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who have not seen Me, yet have believed.”

Now Jesus also did many other signs in the presence of His disciples that are not written in this book. But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and on believing, you may have life in His name.

21 After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples on the Sea of Tiberias. He showed Himself in this way: Simon Peter, Thomas the Twin, Nathaniel from Cana of Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other of His disciples were together. Simon Peter told them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We are going with you.” They promptly got into the boat and went out, and that night they caught nothing. But as early morning came, Jesus stood on the shore; however, the disciples did not realize who He was. Then Jesus said to them, “Children, do you not have any fish?” They answered Him, “No.” But He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and were unable to pull it in because of the large number of fish.

Therefore the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When he heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic, having been stripped, and jumped into the sea. But the others, who were not far from land—about a hundred yards away—came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish. As they got to land, they saw a charcoal fire laid out with fish on it and bread.

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” Simon Peter went out and pulled the net

and the power to raise it up. This command I received from My Father.”

So again a division took place among the Jews over these words. Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is raving mad. Why do you listen to Him?” Others said, “These are not the words of someone who is demon possessed. It is not possible for a demon to open the eyes of the blind, is it?”

It was now winter at the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem. As Jesus was walking in the temple in the Portico of Solomon, the Jews surrounded Him and said, “How long will you hold up our lives? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you and you do not believe. The works which I do in the name of My Father, they testify about Me. But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. It is just as I have said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and the Father are One.”

Then the Jews again took up stones to stone Him. Jesus confronted them, “I have shown you many good works from My Father, on account of which ones do you stone Me?” The Jews answered Him saying, “For a good work we do not stone you, but for blasphemy, and because you, being a man, make yourself God.” Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods.’ If He called them gods to whom the Word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), then why do you say to the One whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God?’ If I am not doing the works of My Father do not believe Me. But if I am doing them, even if you do not believe Me, believe in the works, so that you may know and believe that the Father

this happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “Not a bone of His shall be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they have pierced.”

After this Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus, but secretly out of fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave permission. So he came and took away the body of Jesus. Nicodemus, who first had come to Jesus by night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and about a hundred pounds of aloes. They took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen strips with the spices, as was the burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been buried. Because it was the Jewish Preparation day, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

20 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. She ran to Simon Peter, and the other disciple 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.”

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. As the two were running together, the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first. And stooping to look, he saw the linen strips lying there; however, he did not go in. Then Simon Peter, following him, entered into the tomb and saw the linen strips, and also the face cloth which had been on His head—not lying with the linen strips, but separate from them, rolled up in one place. The other disciple, who had come to the tomb first, then went in as well, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand from the Scripture that it was necessary for Him to rise again from the dead. The disciples then went back to their home.

But Mary stood outside, weeping in front of the tomb. As she was weeping, she stooped to look into the

Bethany near Jerusalem, about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to comfort them about their brother.

Martha went out to meet Jesus when she heard that He was coming, while Mary stayed in the house. Then Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you were here my brother would not have died. But even now I know that anything You ask God, God will give You.” Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even though he may die, he will live. And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

And after she had said this, she went out and called her sister, Mary, privately, saying, “The Teacher is here and is calling you.” When she heard this she jumped up and came to Him. Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still where Martha had met Him. When the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw that Mary jumped up and went out, they followed her, saying, “She is going to the tomb to weep there.”

Then Mary, when she came to Jesus, seeing Him, fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord if you were here my brother would not have died.” So Jesus, when He saw her weeping and the Jews accompanying her weeping, was troubled and deeply moved. And He said, “Where have you put him?” They said, “Come and see.”

Jesus wept. Therefore the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not this One who opened the eyes of the blind, do something so this man would not have died?”

Jesus again felt deeply moved within Himself as He came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone lying over it. Jesus said, “Take the stone away.” Martha, the sister of

saw Him they cried out, “Crucify, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and do the crucifying, for I do not find any charge in Him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law He should die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”

When Pilate heard these words he became more afraid, and entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus did not give him an answer. Then Pilate said, “You are not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have the authority to crucify You and the authority to release You?” Jesus answered, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given to you from above. Because of this, the one who handed Me over to you has a greater sin.”

From that point Pilate sought to release Him. But the Jews kept crying out, saying, “If you release this man you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

So Pilate, on hearing these words, led Jesus outside and sat down on the judgment seat in a place called the Pavement—in Hebrew, Gabbatha. It was now the Preparation of the Passover, about six in the morning, and he said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!” But they cried out, “Away, away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king except Caesar!” So he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

And they took Jesus and led Him away. And carrying His cross He went out to a place called “Place of a Skull,” which in Hebrew is Golgotha, where they crucified Him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle. Pilate also wrote a sign and put it on the cross. On it was written: “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

Many of the Jews read this sign because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Because of this the

think? He surely would not come to the feast would He?” Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees gave an order that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it so they could seize Him.

12 Then Jesus, six days before the Passover, went to Bethany where Lazarus was, the one who died and He raised from the dead. There they made Him a dinner. Martha was serving, with Lazarus among those sitting and eating with Him. Mary took a pound of very expensive perfume of pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus with it, and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Then Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, one of His disciples who was about to hand Him over, said, “Why could this perfume not be sold for three hundred dollars and given to the poor?” He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief. He carried the money box and stole from what was placed in it. But Jesus said, “Let her be, for she was saving it for the day of My burial. You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have Me.”

A large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not just to see Him, but to also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. But the chief priests decided that they had to kill Lazarus as well because so many of the Jews were coming and believing in Jesus because of him.

The next day the large crowd that had attended the feast, upon hearing that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. The King of Israel!” And finding a young donkey, Jesus sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold your king is coming, sitting on the colt of a donkey.” At first His disciples did not understand, but when Jesus was glorified they remembered that this was written about Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

Following Jesus was Simon Peter, as was the other disciple. That disciple was known to the high priest and entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. Peter was standing at the door outside, so the other disciple who was known by the high priest spoke to the girl who kept the door and brought in Peter. Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not one of the disciples of this man also, are you?” He said, “I am not.” The slaves and attendants who were standing there had made a coal fire because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was standing there with them, warming himself.

Then the high priest asked Jesus about His disciples and about His teachings. Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple where the Jews always came together, and spoke nothing in secret. Why ask Me? Ask those who heard what I spoke to them. Look, these people know what I said.”

After He had said this, one of the attendants standing by slapped Jesus, saying, “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” Jesus answered him, “If I spoke wrongly, testify about what was wrong, but if correct, then why do you hit Me?” Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Therefore they said to him, “Are you not one of His disciples?” He denied it saying, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” Again Peter denied it, and immediately a rooster crowed.

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early morning. They themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they might not be defiled but be still able to eat the Passover. Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” They answered him, “If this man were not an criminal, we would not have handed Him over.” Pilate said

the light is still with you. Walk while you have the light so darkness does not overtake you, because whoever walks in the dark does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become sons of light.” Having spoken this, Jesus was hidden from them as He departed.

But even though He did so many signs right in front of them, they still did not believe in Him, so that the words of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which said, “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” They were unable to believe because as Isaiah the prophet again said, “He has blinded their eyes, and He has hardened their heart, lest they should see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.” Isaiah said these things when he saw His glory and spoke about Him.

All the same, however, even many of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not admit it, so they would not be expelled from the synagogue. They loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in Me does not believe in Me but in the One who sent Me. And whoever sees Me, sees the One who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world so that everyone who believes in Me should not live in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him, for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. Whoever rejects Me and does not receive My teachings has this as his judge: My spoken words, they will judge him on the last day. Because I did not speak from Myself, but the Father who sent Me has given Me commands about what to say and what to speak of. And I know that His command is eternal life. Therefore, whatever the Father has told Me to say, I say.”

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover Jesus knew that His hour had come and He would depart from this

from You; because the words which You have given to Me I have given to them, and they have received them and know that I truly came forth from You, and have believed that You sent Me.

“I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given to Me, because they are Yours. And all who are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I have been glorified in them. No longer am I in the world, but I am coming to You, yet they are still in the world. Holy Father, keep in Your name those whom You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We are. When I was in the world, I kept them in Your name. I guarded those whom You have given Me, and not one of them was lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. Now I am coming to you, but while I am in the world, I say these things so that they may be filled with My joy.

“I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by truth; Your word is truth. Just as You sent Me into the world, I also send them into the world. And in behalf of them I sanctify Myself, so that they also may be sanctified by truth.

“I am not praying for these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, so that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You—so that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And I have given them the glory which You have given to Me so that they may be one just as We are one. I in them, and You in Me, so that they may be perfected in one, that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them just as You have loved Me.

“Father, My desire is that those whom You have

receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives the One who sent Me.”

When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in His spirit, and testified, saying, “Very certainly I say to you, that one of you will hand me over.” The disciples looked at one another, but were at a loss about whom He was speaking. Now one of His disciples was leaning against Him, the one whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter nodded to him to find out who He was talking about. And so falling back against His chest, he asked Him, “Who is it, Lord?” Jesus answered, “It is the one for whom I will dip a piece of bread and give it to.” And after dipping the piece of bread, He gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

And after the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, “Do what you do quickly.” But none of those sitting to eat knew why He had said to this to him. Some were thinking that since Judas had the money box Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. So he went out immediately after taking the piece of bread. By then it was night.

As he left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him. If God has been glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself. He will glorify Him right now. Little children, I am with you but for a short time. You will seek Me, but just as I said to the Jews, I say to you now: ‘Where I am going you are not able to come.’

“A new command I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you are not able to follow Me now, but later you will follow Me.” Peter said to Him, “What is the reason I am not able to follow you

And when He comes, He will convict the world about sin, and about righteousness, and about judgment. About sin, because they do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to My Father and you will no longer see Me; and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak from Himself, but whatever He hears He will say; and He will proclaim to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, because whatever is of Me, He will take and proclaim it to you. Everything the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that whatever is of Me, He will take and proclaim it to you.

“A little while and you do not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me, because I am going to the Father.” Then some of His disciples said to one another, “What is this which He says to us, ‘A little while and you do not see Me and again a little while and you will see Me,’ and, ‘I am going to the Father?’” So they said, “What is this which He says, ‘A little while?’ We do not understand what He is saying.”

Jesus knew what they wanted to ask Him, and so He said to them, “Are you questioning one another about Me, saying, ‘A little while and you do not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me?’ Very certainly I say to you, that you will cry and you will moan, but the world will rejoice; you will be grieved, but your sorrow will become joy. The woman cries when she gives birth because her hour has come, but when the child is born, she no longer remembers the pain because of the joy that a person has been born into the world. So you also have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. And in that day you will not question Me about anything.

“Very certainly I say to you, that everything you

ages—the Spirit of truth, whom the world is not able to receive because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He lives with you and He will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. In yet a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in the Father, and you in Me, and I in you. Whoever has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. And the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him.”

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what has happened that You are going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered him and said, “If anyone loves Me he will keep My word. And My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words, and the word you hear is not Mine, but is the Father’s who sent Me.

“I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you; but the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and will enable you to remember everything I have said to you.

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

“You heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved Me you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ because My Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.

“I will no longer talk about all these things with you because the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do just as the Father has commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.