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**THE GOSPEL according to ST. MARK**  
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**CHAPTER 1**

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John was baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance, for the remission of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all they of Jerusalem, and were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a leathern girdle about his loins, and ate locusts and wild honey, And proclaimed, saying, There cometh after me one mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Ghost. And in those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John at Jordan. And coming up from the water, straightway he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him. And a voice came from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I delight. And immediately the Spirit thrusteth him out into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and was with the wild beasts: and the angels served him.

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God, Saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel. And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea (for they were fisher men). And Jesus said to them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men. And straightway leaving their nets, they followed him. And having gone thence a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the vessel mending their nets: And he called them; and immediately leaving their father Zebedee in the vessel with the hired servants, they went after him.

And they go into Capernaum. And straightway on the Sabbath, he went into the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at his teaching; for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man having an unclean spirit, and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone: what have we to do with thee, Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace and come out of him. And the unclean spirit having torn him, and cried with a loud noise, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this? What new teaching is this? For with authority he commandeth even the unclean spirits, and they obey him. And immediately his fame went forth into all the country of Galilee round about.

And coming out of the synagogue, they entered forthwith into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. And Simon's wife's mother lay ill of a fever, and immediately they tell him of her. And he came, and taking her by the hand, lifted her up; and straightway the fever left her, and she waited on them. And in the evening, when the sun was set, they brought to him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were ill of divers diseases, and cast out many devils, and suffered not the devils to say that they knew him.

And in the morning, rising a great while before day, he went out and departed into a desert place, and prayed there. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And having found him, they say to him, All men seek thee. And he saith to them, Let us go to the neighbouring towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore am I come. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

And there came to him a leper beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying to him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with tender compassion, stretching out his hand, touched him, and saith to him, I will: be thou clean. And when he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. And having straitly charged him, he forthwith sent him away, And saith to him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing what Moses commanded for a testimony to them. But he going out published it much, and blazed abroad the matter, so he could no more openly enter into the city; but he was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

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## CHAPTER 2

And again he entered into Capernaum after some days: and it was heard that he was in the house. And many were gathered together, so that there was no room for them, no, not even about the door. And he spake the word to them. And they came to him, bringing a paralytic, borne of four. And not being able to come nigh him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was, and having broken it up, they let down the couch whereon the paralytic lay. Jesus seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, Son, thy sins are forgiven thee. But certain of the scribes were sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God only? And Jesus immediately knowing in his spirit that they so reasoned in themselves,

said to them, Why reason ye thus in your hearts? Which is easier? To say to the paralytic, Thy sins are forgiven thee? Or to say, Arise, and take up thy couch, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins: (He saith to the paralytic) I say to thee, Arise, take up thy couch, and go to thine house. And immediately he arose, and taking up his couch, went forth before them all; so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it thus.

And he went forth again by the sea side, and all the multitude conic to him, and he taught them. And passing by he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at the receipt of custom, and saith to him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. And as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans also and sinners sat together with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many, and they followed him. And the scribes and Pharisees seeing him eating with publicans and sinners, said to his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? And Jesus hearing it saith to them, They that are whole need not a physician but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous but sinners. Now the disciples of John and the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say to him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said to them, Can the children of the bride chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them; and then shall they fast in those days. No man seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filleth it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. And no man putteth new wine into old leathern bottles; else the new wine bursteth the bottles, and the wine is spilt, and the bottles are lost: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

And he went through the corn fields on the Sabbath day; and his disciples as they went plucked the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said to him, Behold, why do they on the Sabbath that which is not lawful? And he said to them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need and was hungry, he and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the show bread, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave also to them who were with him? And he said to them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Moreover the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

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### CHAPTER 3

And he entered again into the synagogue: and there was a man there who had a withered hand. And they watched him whether he would heal him on the Sabbath that they might accuse him. And he saith to the man that had the withered hand, Stand up in the midst. And he saith to them, Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath, or to do evil? To save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. And looking round upon them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth: and his hand was restored. And the Pharisees going out, straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, that they might destroy him.

Then Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea; and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judea, And from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, having heard what great things he did, came to him. And he spake to his disciples, that a vessel should wait on him, because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. For he had healed many, so that they rushed in upon him, as many as had plagues. And the unclean spirits when they saw him, fell down before him and cried, saying. Thou art the Son of God. And he strictly charged them not to make him known. And he goeth up into the mountain, and calleth to him whom he would, and they came to him. And he ordained twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal diseases and cast out devils. And Simon he surnamed Peter: And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (and he surnamed them Boanerges, that is, sons of thunder), And Andrew and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alpheus, and Thaddeus, and Simon the Canaanite, And Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

And they come into a house: and the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. And his relations hearing of it, came out to lay hold on him; for they said, He is beside himself. But the scribes who had come down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. And calling them to him, he said to them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. If Satan then be risen up and divided against himself, he cannot stand, but hath an end. None can enter into the strong one's house and plunder his goods, unless he first bind the strong one, and then he will plunder his house. Verily I say to you, All sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme, But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is liable to eternal damnation: Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit. Then come his brethren and his mother, and standing without, sent to him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him: and they say to him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother or my brethren? And looking round on them who sat about him, he said, Behold my mother and my brethren. For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother and sister and mother.

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## CHAPTER 4

And again he taught by the sea side, and a great multitude was gathered to him, so that going into the vessel, he sat in the sea, and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. And he taught them many things by parables, and said to them in his teaching, Harken: Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some fell by the highway side, and the birds came and devoured it. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth: and immediately it sprung up, because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground, and yielded fruit springing up and increasing, and brought forth some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred. And he said, he that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

And when he was alone, they that were about him, with the twelve, asked him of the parable. And he said to them, To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but to them that are without all things are in parables; So that seeing they see, and do not perceive, and hearing they hear, and do not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

And he saith to them, Know ye not this parable? How then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the highway side, where the word is sown: but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise who have received the seed on stony ground, who when they have heard the word immediately receive it with joy: But have not root in themselves, but are only for a time, afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth because of the word, they are presently offended. And these are they that have received it among thorns, who hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desire of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they that have received it on good ground, who hear the word and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty fold, some sixty, and some a hundred. And he said to them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel or under a bed; and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not he made manifest, neither was any thing kept secret, but that it might come abroad. If any man hath ears to hear, let him hear. - And he said to them, Take heed what ye hear. With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you, and to you that hear, shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given; and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground, And should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of itself, first the blade, then the ear, after that the corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

And he said, Whereto shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which when it is sown in the earth, it is one of the least seeds that is in the earth. But when it is sown it groweth up and becometh greater than all herbs, and putteth forth great branches, so that the birds of the air may lodge under the shadow of it. And with many such parables spake he the word to them, as they were able to hear. But without a parable spake he not to them: and in private he expounded all things to his disciples.

And the same day in the evening he saith to them, Let us go over to the other side. And having sent away the multitude, they take him as he was in the vessel. And there were with him other little vessels. And there ariseth a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the vessel, so that it was now full. But he was asleep on the pillow, in the stern. And they awake him and say to him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he saith to them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it, that ye have not faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

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## CHAPTER 5

And they came to the other side of the sea, into country of the Gadarenes. And as he came out of the vessel, there met him immediately out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling in the tombs, and no man could bind him, no, not with chains. For he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces; and no man could tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the tombs and in the mountains, crying and cutting himself with stones. But seeing Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And crying with a loud voice, said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. (For he had said to him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.) And he asked him, What is thy name? And he saith to him, My name is Legion; for we are many. And he earnestly besought him, that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there at the mountain a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us to the swine, that we may go into them. And Jesus forthwith gave them leave. And the unclean spirits going out, entered into the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep into the sea, (they were about two thousand,) and were stifled in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see the demoniac who had had the Legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell the demoniac, and concerning the swine. And they prayed him to depart out of their coasts. And as he went into the vessel, he that had been possessed with the devils, besought him that he might be with him.

But he suffered him not, but said to him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed and published in Decapolis, how great things Jesus had done for him. And all men marvelled.

And when Jesus was passed over again in the vessel to the other side, a great multitude was gathered to him, and he was near the sea. And there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, falleth at his feet, And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death: come and lay thy hands on her that she may be healed, and she shall live. And he went with him, and a great multitude followed him and thronged him. And a certain woman who had had a flux of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grown worse, Having heard of Jesus, came in the crowd behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I but touch his clothes, I shall be whole. And the fountain of her blood was straightway dried up, and she perceived in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus immediately knowing in himself the virtue which had gone out of him, turning about in the crowd said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said to him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round to see her that had done this. And the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said to her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole: go in peace, and continue whole of thy plague. While he was yet speaking, they came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master farther? When Jesus heard the word spoken, he saith to the ruler of the synagogue, Fear not; only believe. And he suffered no man to

follow him, save Peter and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth a tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And coming in, he saith to them, Why make ye this tumult and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But having put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel and them that were with him, and goeth in where the damsel was lying. And taking the damsel by the hand, he said to her, Talitha cumi, which is, being interpreted, Damsel (I say to thee) arise. And straightway the damsel arose and walked: for she was twelve years old. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And he charged them straitly, that no man should know it, and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

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## CHAPTER 6

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country, and his disciples follow him. And on the Sabbath he taught in the synagogue, and many hearing were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? And what wisdom is this that is given him, and such mighty works as are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter? The son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses, and of Jude and Simon! Are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. And Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kindred, and in his own house. And he could do no miracle there, save that he laid his hands on a few sick, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about through the villages teaching.

And he called to him the twelve, and sent them forth by two and two, and gave them power over unclean spirits; And commanded them to take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse; But be shod with sandals, and put not on two coats. And he said to them, Whosoever ye enter into a house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, departing thence shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city. And they went out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

And King Herod heard (for his name was spread abroad) and he said, John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these mighty powers exert themselves in him. Others say, It is Elijah: and others said, It is a prophet, as one of the prophets. But Herod hearing thereof, said, This is John whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. For Herod himself had sent and apprehended John, and bound him in prison, for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife, for he had married her. For John had said to Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Therefore Herodias was incensed against him, and was desirous to have killed him; but she could not: For Herod revered John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and preserved him: and when he heard him he did many things, and heard him gladly. And a convenient day being come, when Herod on his birthday made a feast for his lords, captains, and principal men of Galilee: When the daughter of Herodias had come in and danced and pleased Herod and his guests, the king said to the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he swore to her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask me, I will give thee, to the half of my kingdom. And going out, she said

to her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And coming in quickly with haste to the king, she asked, saying, I will that thou give me immediately in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry: yet for his oath's sake, and for the sake of his guests, he would not reject her. And immediately the king sent one of his guard, and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel, and the damsel gave it to her mother. And the disciples hearing it, came and took up his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

And the apostles gathered themselves together to Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. And he said to them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a little. For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a deserted place by boat privately. And many saw them departing and knew him, and ran on foot thither from all the cities and outwent them, and came together to him. And Jesus coming out saw a great multitude, and was moved with tender compassion for them: because they were as sheep having no shepherd and he taught them many things. And when the day was now far spent, the disciples coming to him said, This is a desert place, and it is now late, Send them away, that they may go into the country and villages round about, and buy themselves bread, for they have nothing to eat. He answering said to them, Give ye them to eat. And they say to him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith to them, How many loaves have ye? Go and see. And when they knew, they said, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies on the green grass. And they sat down in ranks by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fishes, looking up to heaven he blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and he divided the two fishes among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments and of the fishes. And they that had eaten of the loaves were about five thousand men.

And straightway he constrained his disciples to go into the vessel, and go before to the other side toward Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. And having sent them away, he went to the mountain to pray, And in the evening the vessel was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; (for the wind was contrary to them;) and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed by them. But they seeing him walking on the sea, supposed it to be an apparition, and cried out. (For they all saw him and were troubled.) And immediately he spoke with them, and saith to them, Take courage: it is I; be not afraid. And he went up to them into the vessel, and the wind ceased: and they were amazed in themselves above measure and wondered. For they considered not the miracle of the loaves; for their heart was hardened.

And having passed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret, and drew to shore. And when they were come out of the vessel they knew him, And ran through that whole country round about, and brought about in beds them that were ill, where they heard he was. And wheresoever he entered into villages, cities, or country places, they laid the sick in the public places, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the hem of his garment; and as many as touched him were made whole.

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## CHAPTER 7

Then assembled together to him the Pharisees and certain of the scribes coming from Jerusalem. And they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, unwashed hands. Now the Pharisees and all the Jews, except they wash their hands to the wrist, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And coming from the market, unless they wash, they eat not: and many other things there are which they have received to hold, the washing of cups and pots and brazen vessels and couches. Then the Pharisees and the scribes ask him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with defiled hands? He answering said to them, Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you, hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For having the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said to them, Full well ye abolish the commandments of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother, and, Whoso revileth father or mother, he shall surely die. But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest have been profited by me; he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Abrogating the word of God by your tradition which ye have delivered; and many such like things ye do. And calling together all the multitude he said to them, Harken to me every one of you and consider. There is nothing entering into a man from without which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, these are they that defile the man. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And when he was come from the multitude into the house his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And he saith to them. Are even ye so without understanding? Do ye not perceive that whatsoever entereth into a man from without cannot defile him, Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth into the vault, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of man proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, envy, evil speaking, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

And he arose and went thence into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And entering into a house he would have had no man know it; but he could not be hid. For a woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell at his feet, (The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation,) and besought him to cast the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said to her, Let the children first be satisfied; for it is not right to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. She answered and said to him, True, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said to her, For this saying, go: the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And going to her house, she found her daughter lying on the bed, and the devil gone out.

And departing again from the borders of Tyre and Sidon, he came to the Sea of Galilee, through the midst of the country of Decapolis. And they bring to him one that was deaf and dumb, and beseech him to put his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude, he put his fingers into his ears, and spitting, touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he groaned and saith to him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them to tell no man; but the more he

charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it. And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

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## CHAPTER 8

In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, calling to him his disciples, he saith to them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away fasting to their own home, they will faint by the way; for divers of them came from far. And his disciples answered him, Whence can one satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, having given thanks, he brake and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes: and having blessed them, he commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat and were satisfied; and they took up fragments that were left, seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

And straightway going into the vessel with his disciples, he came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

And the Pharisees came forth and questioned with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And sighing deeply in his spirit, he said, Why doth this generation seek a sign? Verily I say to you, There shall no sign be given to this generation. And he left them; and going into the vessel again, went to the other side.

Now they had forgotten to take bread; nor had they in the vessel with them any more than one loaf. And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. And they reasoned among themselves saying, We have no bread. And Jesus knowing it, said to them, Why reason ye because ye have no bread? Perceive ye not yet, neither consider? Have ye your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? And having ears, hear ye not? And do not ye remember? When I brake the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say to him, Twelve. And when the seven among the four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. And he said to them, How is it that ye do not understand?

And he cometh to Bethsaida. And they bring to him a blind man, and beseech him to touch him. And taking the blind man by the hand, he led him out of the town, and having spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught? And looking up he said, I see men as trees walking. Then he put his hands again on his eyes, and made him look up, and he was restored, and saw all men clearly. And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

And Jesus went out and his disciples into the towns of Caesarea, Philippi. And in the way he asked his disciples, saying to them, Whom do men say that I am? And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say Elijah; and others, one of the prophets. And he saith to them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answering, saith to him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and. the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter taking hold of him, rebuked him. But he turning about, and looking on his disciples, rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan; for thou savourest not the things of God, but the things of men.

And when he had called the people to him, with his disciples also, he said to them, Whosoever is willing to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

For whosoever desireth to save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life, for my sake and the Gospel's, shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him shall also the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father, with the holy angels.

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## CHAPTER 9

And he said to them, Verily I say unto you, there are some of them that stand here, who shall not taste of death till they see the kingdom of God coming with power.

And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter and James and John, and carrieth them up into a high mountain, by themselves apart, and was transfigured before them. And his garments became shining exceeding white, as snow, such as no fuller on earth can whiten. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answering, saith to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tents, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. For he knew not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there came a cloud overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; hear ye him. And suddenly looking round, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only, with themselves. And as they cam down from the mountain, he charged them to tell no man the things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. And they laid hold on that saying, questioning one with another, What meaneth, Till he were risen from the dead? And they asked him, saying, 'Why say the scribes that Elijah must come first'? And he answering, told them, Elijah verily coming first, restoreth all things; and how is written of the Son of man that he must suffer many things, and he set at naught. But I say to you, Elijah is come, as it is written of him: and they have done to him whatsoever they listed.

And coming to his disciples, he saw a great multitude bout them, and scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the multitude seeing him, were greatly amazed, and running to him,

saluted him. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answering said, Master, I have brought to thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit. And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him, and he foameth and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away. And I spake to thy disciples to cast him out, and hey could not. He answering them, saith, faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him to me. And they brought him to him. And when he saw him, immediately he spirit tore him, and he fell on the ground, and "allowed, foaming. And he asked his father, How long it since this came to him? And he said, From a little child. And it hath often cast him both into the fire and into the waters to destroy him; but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us and help us. Jesus saith to him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child crying out, said with tears, Lord, I do believe: help thou mine unbelief. And Jesus seeing that the multitude came running together, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, Thou deaf and dumb spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And having cried and rent him sore, he came out; and he was as dead, so that many said, He is dead. But Jesus taking him by the hand, lifted him up and he arose.

And when he was come into a house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said to them, This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting.

And departing thence, they passed through Galilee, and he was not willing that any should know it. For he taught his disciples, and said to them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men; and they will kill him, and after he hath been killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not the word, and were afraid to ask him.

And he came to Capernaum. And being in the house, he asked them, What was it ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace; for they had been debating among themselves in the way, who should be greatest. And sitting down, he called the twelve, and saith to them, If any man desire to be the first, let him be least of all, and the servant of all. And taking a little child, he set him in the midst of them, and taking him up in his arms, he said to them, Whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not only me, but him that sent me.

And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, who followeth not us, and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. And Jesus said, Forbid him not; for there is no one who shall do a miracle in my name, that can readily speak evil of me. For he that is not against you is for you, For whosoever shall give you a cup of cold water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say to you, he shall in nowise lose his reward.

And whosoever shall offend one of the little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand cause thee to offend, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot cause thee to offend, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter halt into life, rather than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye cause thee to offend, pluck it out: it is good for thee to enter into the kingdom of God having one eye, rather than having

two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

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## CHAPTER 10

And he arose and cometh thence into the coasts of Judea, through the country beyond Jordan: and the multitudes resort to him again, and as he was wont, he taught them again. And the Pharisees coming, asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answering, said to them, What did Moses command you? They said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorce, and to put her away. And Jesus answering, said to them, For your hardness of heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh; so then they are no more twain but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith to them, Whosoever shall put away his wife and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

And they brought little children to him that he might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those that brought them. But Jesus seeing it, was much displeased, and said to them, Suffer the little children to come to me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say to you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in nowise enter therein. And taking them up in his arms, he put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

And as he was going out into the way, one running and kneeling to him, asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? But Jesus saith to him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answering, said to him, Master, all these have I kept from my childhood. Then Jesus looking upon him, loved him, and said to him, One thing thou lackest: Go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me, taking up thy cross. But he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved; for he had great possessions. And Jesus looking around said to his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God? And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answering again saith to them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God? It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying to each other, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them, said, With men it is impossible, but not with God, for with God all things are possible. And Peter said to him, Lo we have left all and followed thee. And Jesus answering said, Verily I say to you, there is none that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake and the Gospel's, But he shall receive a hundred fold now in this time, houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children

and lands with persecutions, and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last, and the last first.

And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went before them. And they were amazed, and as they followed, they were afraid. And taking the twelve again he told them what things were to befall him: Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man shall be betrayed to the chief priests, and the scribes: and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and scourge him and spit upon him and kill him. And the third day he will rise again.

And James and John the sons of Zebedee come to him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatever we shall ask. And he said to them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said to him, Grant us to sit one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said to them, Ye know not what ye ask. Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said to him, We can. And Jesus said to them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with. But to sit on my right hand and on my left, is not mine to give, save to them for whom it is prepared. And the ten hearing it were much displeased concerning James and John. But Jesus calling them to him, saith unto them, Ye know that they who rule over the Gentiles, lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever desireth to be great among you, shall be your servant. And whosoever desireth to be the chief, shall be the servant of all. For the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

And they come to Jericho. And as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimeus, the son of Timeus, sat by the way side begging. And hearing, It is Jesus of Nazareth, he cried out and said, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him to hold his peace; but he cried so much the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus standing still, commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying to him, Take courage, rise; he calleth thee. And casting away his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. And Jesus answering said to him, What wilt thou that I should do for thee? The blind man said to him, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said, Go; thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him in the way.

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## CHAPTER 11

And when they were come nigh to Jerusalem to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth two of his disciples, And saith to them, Go ye into the village over against you, and as soon as ye enter it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat: loose and bring him. And if any say to you, Why do ye this? say, The Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went and found the colt tied at the door, without, in the street, and they loose him. And some of them that stood there said, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said to them as Jesus had commanded; and they let him go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him, and he sat on him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others

cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed after cried, saying, Hosanna: blessed in the name of the Lord is he that cometh. Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that cometh: Hosanna in the highest.

And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple, and having looked round about upon all things, it being now evening, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

And on the morrow, as they were coming from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree afar off, having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and coming to it, he found nothing but leaves; for it was not a season of figs. And he answering said to it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever; and his disciples heard. And they come to Jerusalem. And Jesus going into the temple, drove out them that bought and sold in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And suffered not that any one should carry a vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying to them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations a house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and the chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because the whole multitude was astonished at his teaching.

And when evening was coming he went out of the city. And passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter remembering, saith to him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith to them, Have faith in God. For verily I say to you, Whosoever shall say to this mountain, Be thou removed and cast into the sea, and not doubt in his heart, but believe that the things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say to you, All things whatsoever ye ask in prayer, believe that ye shall receive, and ye shall have them. But when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any, that your Father who is in heaven may forgive you also your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

And they come again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders come to him, And say to him, By what authority dost thou these things? And who gave thee authority to do these things? Jesus answering said to them, I also will ask you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men? Answer me. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we say from heaven, he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we say from men: they feared the people; for all accounted John that he was indeed a prophet. And they answering say to Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith to them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

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## CHAPTER 12

And he said to them in parables, A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a wine vat, and built a tower, and let it out to husband men, and went into a far country. And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen to receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. But they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent to

them another servant, and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully' handled. And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing so me. Having yet therefore one son, his well beloved, he sent him also last to them, saying, They will reverence my son. But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours. And they took him and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard to others. And have ye not read even this scripture? The stone which the builders - rejected, this is become the head of the corner? This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. And they sought to seize him, but feared the multitude; for they knew he had spoken the parable against them; and leaving him, they went away.

And they send to him certain of the Pharisees, and of the Herodians, to catch him in his discourse. And they coming say to him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man; for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy said to them, Why tempt ye me? Bring me a penny, that I may see it; And they brought it. And he saith to them, Whose is this image and inscription? They say to him, Caesar's. And Jesus answering said to them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

Then come to him the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, and they asked him, saying, Master, Moses wrote to us, If a man's brother die, and leave a wife and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up issue to his brother. There were seven brethren, and the first took a wife, and dying left no issue. And the second took her and died, neither left he any issue; and the third likewise. And the seven took her and left no issue. Last of all died the woman also. In the resurrection, therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? For the seven had her to wife. And Jesus answering, said to them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels who are in heaven.

And touching the dead that they rise, Have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake to him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. Ye therefore greatly err.

And one of the scribes coming to him, having heard them disputing together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first commandment of all is, Hear, Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these. And the scribes said to him, Excellently well, Master! Thou hast said the truth; for he is one: and there is no other but he. And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the mind, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And Jesus, seeing that he answered discreetly, said to him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst question him any more.



And Jesus answering as he taught in the temple, said, How say the scribes, that Christ is the Son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The Lord saith to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord: how is he then his son? And a great multitude heard him gladly.

And he said to them in his teaching, Beware of the scribes, who love to walk in long robes, and to be saluted in the market places, And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost places at feasts; Who devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive the greater damnation.

And Jesus sitting over against the treasury, beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And a poor widow coming, cast in two mites, which make a farthing. And calling to him his disciples, he saith to them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than They all who have cast into the treasury. For they all did cast in of their abundance: but she of her penury did cast in all that she had, even her whole living.

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## CHAPTER 13

And as he was going out of the temple, one of his disciples saith to him, Master, see what manner of stones, and what manner of buildings! And Jesus answering said to him, Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat on the mount of Olives, over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? And Jesus answering said, Take heed lest any deceive you. For many will come in my name saying, I am He, and will deceive you. But when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be not troubled; for it must be: but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginning of sorrows. But take heed to yourselves, for they will deliver you to councils, and ye shall be beaten in synagogues, and shall stand before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them. And the Gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall hale you and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. I And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end, he shall be saved.

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that are in Judea flee to the mountains: And let not him that is on the house top go down into the house, neither enter in, to take any thing out of his house. And let not him that is in the field turn back to take up his garment. But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days. And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation, which God created until now, neither shall be. And unless the Lord had shortened

those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened I those days. Then if any man say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or lo, he is there, believe it not. For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: Behold, I have foretold you all things.

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall be falling, and the powers that are in the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and gather together his elect, from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth, to the uttermost part of heaven.

Now learn a parable from the fig tree. When its branch is now tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise when ye see these things come to pass, know that he is nigh, even at the door. Verily I say to you, this generation shall in nowise pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall in nowise pass away.

But of that day or that hour knoweth no one, no, not the angels that are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Take heed; watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh; at evening, or at midnight, at cock crowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all, Watch.

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## CHAPTER 14

And after two days was the feast of the passover and of unleavened bread; and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might apprehend him by subtlety, and put him to death. But they said, Not at the feast, lest there be a tumult of the people. And he being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper as he sat at table, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment, of spikenard, very costly; and shaking the box, she poured it on his head. But there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred pence and given to the poor. And they murmured at her. But Jesus said, Let her alone: why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me.

For the poor ye have always with you, and when ye will ye may do them good; but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she hath beforehand embalmed my body for the burial. Verily I say to you, wheresoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, what she hath done shall be spoken of also, for a memorial of her.

And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests, to betray him unto them. And hearing it they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples say to him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare, that thou mayest eat the passover? And he sendeth two of his disciples, and saith to them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man carrying a pitcher of water: follow him.

And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready for us. And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said to them. And they made ready the passover.

And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and ate, Jesus said, Verily I say to you, one of you that eat with me will betray me. And they were sorrowful, and said to him one by one, Is it I? And another said, Is it I? And he answering said to them, It is one of the twelve that dippeth with me in the dish.

The Son of man indeed goeth as it is written of him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed: it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

And as they ate, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and having given thanks, gave it them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say to you I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, till that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

And having sung the hymn, they went out toward the mount of Olives. And Jesus saith to them, Ye will all be offended at me this night; for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.

But after I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter said to him, Though all men shall be offended, yet will not I. Jesus saith to him, Verily I say to thee, That thou to-day, this night before the cock crow twice, wilt deny me thrice. But he said the more vehemently, If I must die with thee I will in nowise deny thee. In like manner also said they all.

And they come to a place named Gethsemane; and he saith to his disciples, Sit here while I shall pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John; and he began to be sore amazed and in deep anguish, And saith to them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even to death: tarry ye here and watch. And going forward a little, he fell on the ground, and prayed, that if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee: take away this cup from me: yet not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh and findeth them sleeping, and saith to Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst thou not watch one hour? Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. And going away again he prayed, speaking the same words. And returning, he found them asleep again (for their eyes were

heavy) and they knew not what to answer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith to them, Sleep on now, and take your rest. It is enough. The hour is come: behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up; let us go: lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh up Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude, with swords and clubs from the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders. Now he that betrayed him had given them a signal, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, is he: seize and lead him away safely. And when he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, Master! and kissed him. And they laid their hands on him and took him. And one of them that stood by, drawing a sword, smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answering said to them, Are ye come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled. Then they all forsook him and fled. And a certain young man followed him, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him. And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and with him assembled all the chief priests, and the elders, and the scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest, and sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

Then the chief priests and all the council sought for evidence against Jesus, to put him to death, and found none. For many bore false witness against him; but their evidences were not sufficient. And certain men arising bore false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands. And neither so was their evidence sufficient. Then the high priest rising up in the midst, asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? What is it that these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said I am; and ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What farther need have we of witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be worthy of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and say to him, Prophecy. And the servants smote him with the palms of their hands.

And as Peter was in the hall below, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest. And seeing Peter warming himself, she looked on him, and said, Thou wast also with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou meanest. And he went out into the porch and the cock crew. And the maid seeing him again, said to them that stood by, This is one of them. And he denied it again. And a little after those that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them; for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, Before the cock crow twice, thou wilt deny me thrice. And he covered his head and wept.

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## CHAPTER 15

And straightway in the morning the chief priests having consulted with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, having bound Jesus, carried him away and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the king of the Jews? And he answering said to him, Thou sayest it. And the chief priests accused I him of many things. And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus answered nothing any more so that Pilate marvelled. Now at every feast he released to them one prisoner, whom soever they would. And there was one named Barabbas, who lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud, asked him to do as he had ever done for them. And Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release to you the king of the Jews? (For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.) But the chief priests stirred up the people to ask, that he would rather release Barabbas to them. And Pilate answering said to them again, What will ye then that I do to him whom ye call the king of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him. Then Pilate said to them, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more exceedingly; Crucify him. And Pilate, willing to satisfy the people, released Barabbas to them, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led him away to the hall called Praetorium, and call together the whole troop. And they clothe him with purple, and having platted a crown of thorns, put it about his head, And they saluted him, Hail, king of the Jews. And they smote him on the head with a cane, and spit upon him, and bowing their knees, did him homage. And when they had mocked him, they took the purple robe from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who was passing by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

And they bring him to the place, Golgotha, which is being interpreted, the place of a skull. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he received it not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And there was an inscription of his accusation written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucify two thieves, one on his right hand, and one on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors. And they that passed by, reviled him, wagging their heads and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, Save thyself, and come down from the cross. In like manner also the chief priests mocking said to one another, with the scribes, lie saved others; cannot he save himself? Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe. They also that were crucified with him reviled him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? Which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by hearing it said, Behold, he calleth Elijah. And one ran, and filling a sponge with vinegar, put it on a cane, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take him down.

And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and expired. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain, from the top to the bottom. And the centurion, who stood over against him, seeing that having so cried he expired, said, Truly this man was the Son of God. There were also women,

beholding from afar, among whom was Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the less, and of Joses, and Salome: Who also when he was in Galilee, followed him and served him, and many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

And The evening being now come, (because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,) Joseph of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, who also himself waited for the kingdom of God, came and went in boldly to Pilate, and asked the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled that he was dead already: and calling to him the centurion, he asked if he had been any while dead? And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And having bought fine linen, he took him down and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre, which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone to the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

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## CHAPTER 16

And when the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, had bought spices, that they might come and embalm him. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came to the sepulchre, at the rising of the sun. And they said one to another, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? (For I it was very great.) And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled away. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe; and they were affrighted. He saith to them, Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen: he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go tell his disciples, and Peter, He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said to you. And going out they fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: and They said nothing to any, for they were afraid. Now when Jesus was risen early, the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. She went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But they hearing that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they were walking, I going into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared to the eleven sitting at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them who had seen him when he was risen.

And he said to them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name they shall cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues: They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in nowise hurt them: they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then the Lord after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following.

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