

Stories from
The Life of Christ

CLASSIC LIT FOR YOUNG READERS

JANET HARVEY KELMAN

Stories from
The Life of Christ

Janet Harvey Kelman

Libraries of Hope

Stories from the Life of Christ
Classic Literature for Young Readers

Copyright © 2023 by Libraries of Hope, Inc. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without prior written permission of the publisher. International rights and foreign translations available only through permission of the publisher.

Cover Image: Image from *Stories from the Life of Christ* by Janet Harvey Kelman, illustrated by F.D. Bedford (1905).

Kelman, Janet Harvey. (1905). *Stories from the Life of Christ*. London: T.C. & E.C. Jack.

Libraries of Hope, Inc.
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Website: www.librariesofhope.com
Email: librariesofhope@gmail.com

Printed in the United States of America

Contents

From Christmas Eve to Easter Morn.....3
Stories from the Life of Christ.....5

Stories from
The Life of Christ

Selected for the Children by
JANET HARVEY KELMAN

With Pictures by
F.D. BEDFORD

From Christmas Eve to Easter Morn

Long ago there was no Christmas day in the world. The years came and went, and some days were brighter than others; but not one of those bright days was Christmas day.

Do you wonder why that was? It was because Jesus Christ had not come to earth.

But one year He did come, and was born a little baby in Bethlehem, and now all over the world we keep Christmas day as one of the gladdest days in all the year, because it takes our thoughts back to the time when Jesus Christ was born.

About three months after Christmas day is Easter morning; but the first Easter

morn did not come for thirty-three years after the first Christmas day. Here is the story of those thirty-three years, the story of the life and death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

J. H. K.

Stories from the Life of Christ

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron. And her name was Elisabeth. They were both righteous before God. And they had no child.

And it came to pass that Zacharias went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, 'Fear not, Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a

son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit; and many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before the Lord to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.'

And Zacharias said, 'Whereby shall I know this, for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years?'

And the angel answering said unto him, 'I am Gabriel that stand in the presence of God, and am sent to shew thee these glad tidings. And behold, thou shalt be dumb and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because thou believest not my words which shall be fulfilled in their

season.'

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out he could not speak unto them; and they knew that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned unto them, and was speechless.

• • •

And the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came to her and said, 'Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women.' And when she saw him she was troubled at his saying.

And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the Lord shall give unto him the throne of his father David, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.'

Then said Mary unto the angel, 'How shall this be?'

And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall over-shadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.'

And Mary said, 'Behold the hand-maid of the Lord; be it unto me accord-ing to thy word.'

And the angel departed from her.

• • •

Now Elisabeth brought forth a son, and her neighbours and cousins rejoiced with her. And it came to pass on the

eighth day that they called him Zacharias after the name of his father.

And his mother answered and said, 'Not so, but he shall be called "John."'

And they said unto her, 'There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.' And they made signs to his father how he would have him called.

And he wrote saying, 'His name is John.' And they marvelled all. And the mouth of Zacharias was opened, and he spake and praised God and said, 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers that he would grant unto us, that we might serve him without fear all the days of our life. And thou child shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.'

And the child grew and waxed strong

in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

• • •

Now the birth of Jesus was on this wise. There went out a command from Cesar that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one to his own city. And Joseph went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his wife. And so it was that while they were there, Mary brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.'

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had

seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God, for all the things which they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And the child's name was called Jesus, and they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. And the same man was just and devout; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it was shewn unto him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came into the temple, and the parents brought in the child Jesus. Then took he him up in

his arms and blessed God, and said, 'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.'

And Joseph and his mother wondered at those things which were spoken of him.

• • •

Now behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him.'

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he asked of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, 'In Bethlehem.'

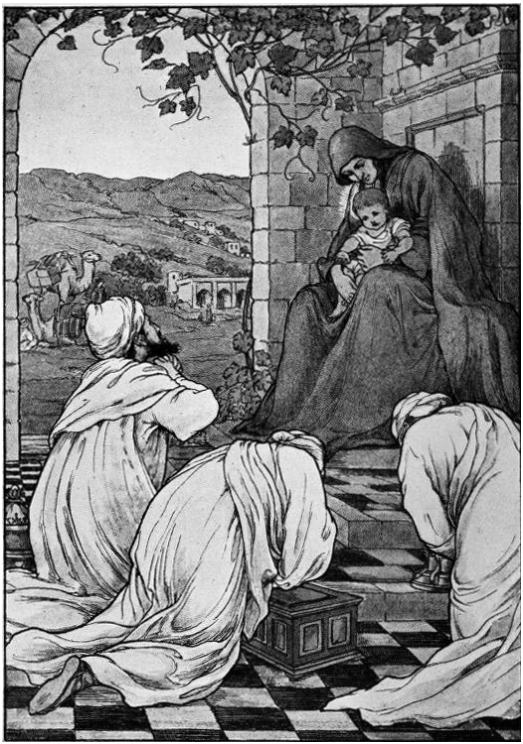
Then Herod, when he had called the wise men, asked them what time the star

appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, 'Go and search for the young child, and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.'

When they had heard the king they departed, and lo, the star which they saw in the East went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him. And when they had opened their treasures they gave unto him gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they went into their own country another way.

When they were departed, behold



They saw the young child with
Mary, his mother, and fell down
and worshiped him.

the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.'

Then Joseph arose, and took the young child and his mother by night and went into Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was wroth, and sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had heard from the wise men. Then was there a voice heard, of weeping and great mourning. Women weeping for their children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

But when Herod was dead, Joseph arose and took the young child and his

mother, and came into the land of Israel, and dwelt in Nazareth.

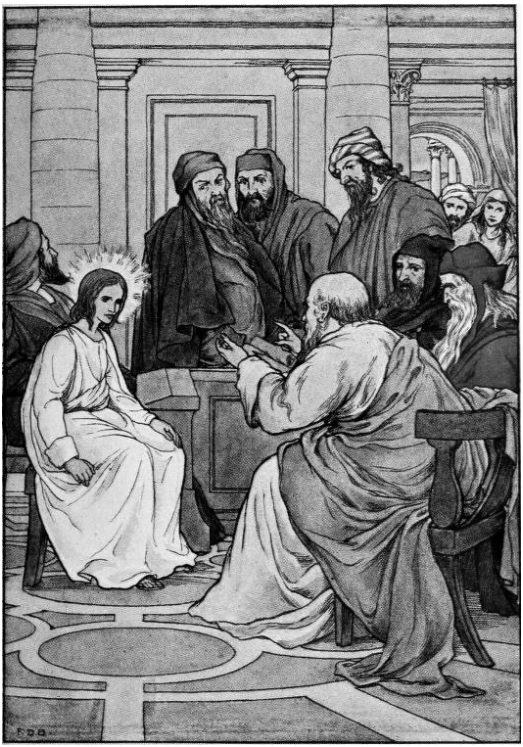
And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

• • •

Now Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when Jesus was twelve years old they went up to Jerusalem, after the custom of the feast. And as they returned the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem.

And Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey. And they sought him among their kinsfolk, and when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem seeking him.

And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the temple sitting



They found him in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions.

in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him they were amazed, and his mother said unto him, 'Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.'

And he said unto them, 'How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?'

And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them. But his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

• • •

After those days the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias. And he came into all the country about

Jordan, preaching in the wilderness and saying, 'Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' And the same John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a leathern girdle about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey. And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan.

And the people asked him, 'What shall we do?' He saith unto them, 'He that hath two coats, let him give to him that hath none, and he that hath meat let him do like-wise.'

And the soldiers asked him, saying, 'And what shall we do?' And he said unto them, 'Do violence to no man; and be content with your wages.'

And all men asked in their hearts of John whether he were the Christ or not. And John said unto them all, 'I indeed baptize you with water; but there

standeth one among you whom ye know not, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Then cometh Jesus unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, 'I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?'

And Jesus answering said unto him, 'Suffer it to be so now.'

Then he suffered him.

And Jesus when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'

• • •

And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age. Then was he led into

the wilderness to be tempted. And he was there in the wilderness forty days. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

And the tempter came to him and said, 'If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.'

But he said, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."'

Then he brought Jesus up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple and saith unto him, 'If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, "He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."'

Jesus said unto him, 'It is written again, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord

thy God.'"

Again the tempter taketh him up into a high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and saith unto him, 'All these things will I give thee and the glory of them, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.'

Then saith Jesus unto him, 'Get thee hence; for it is written, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."'

Then the tempter leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

• • •

Again John stood and two of his disciples, and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, 'Behold the Lamb of God!'

And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

Then Jesus turned and saw them

following, and saith unto them, 'What seek ye?'

They said unto him, 'Master, where dwellest thou?'

He saith unto them, 'Come and see.'

They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day; for it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, 'We have found the Christ.' And he brought him to Jesus.

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, 'Follow me.'

Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, 'We have found him of whom Moses did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of

Joseph.'

And Nathanael said unto him, 'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Philip saith unto him, 'Come and see.'

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, 'Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!'

Nathanael saith unto him, 'Whence knowest thou me?' Jesus said unto him, 'Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree I saw thee.'

Nathanael answered and saith unto him, 'Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.'

Jesus said unto him, 'Because I said unto thee, "I saw thee under the fig-tree," believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these!'

• • •

And there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was

there. And both Jesus was called and his disciples to the marriage.

And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus saith unto her, 'Mine hour is not yet come.'

His mother saith unto the servants, 'Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.'

And there were set there six water-pots of stone.

Jesus saith unto them, 'Fill the water-pots with water.' And they filled them up to the brim.

And he saith unto them, 'Draw out now, and bear unto the ruler of the feast'; and they bare it.

When the ruler of the feast tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the servants which drew the water knew, the ruler of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, 'Every man at the beginning

doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.'

After this Jesus went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples; and they continued there not many days.

• • •

And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting. And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and over-threw the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, 'Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.'

• • •

And Jesus returned unto Galilee. And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city near to the ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being weary with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about noon.

And there cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water.

Jesus saith unto her, 'Give me to drink.'

For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy meat.

Then saith the woman unto him, 'How is it that thou being a Jew askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?' for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

Jesus said unto her, 'If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, "Give me to drink"; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he

would have given thee living water.'

The woman saith unto him, 'Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep.'

Jesus answered and said unto her, 'Whosoever shall drink of this water, shall thirst again; but whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him, shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.'

The woman saith unto him, 'Sir, give me this water that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.'

And again she said, 'Sir, I see that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.'

Jesus saith unto her, 'The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit

and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth.'

The woman saith unto him, 'I know that Christ cometh: when he is come, he will tell us all things.'

Jesus saith unto her, 'I that speak unto thee am he.'

And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman.

The woman then left her water-pots, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 'Come, see, is not this the Christ?'

Then they went out of the city and came unto him.

In the meanwhile his disciples prayed him, saying, 'Master, eat.' But he said unto them, 'I have meat to eat that ye know not of.'

Therefore said the disciples one to another, 'Hath any man brought him ought to eat?'

Jesus said unto them, 'My meat is to do the will of my Father which sent me, and to finish his work.'

So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him, and said, 'We have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.'

When Jesus was come into Galilee the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast; for they also went unto the feast. And there went out a fame of him through all the land round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

So he came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

Then said Jesus unto him, 'Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.'

The nobleman saith unto him, 'Sir, come down, ere my child die.'

Jesus saith unto him, 'Go thy way, thy son liveth.'

And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, 'Thy son liveth.'

Then asked he of them the hour

when he began to amend. And they said unto him, 'Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.'

So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said unto him, 'Thy son liveth'; and himself believed and his whole house.

• • •

And Jesus came and dwelt in Capernaum which is upon the sea-coast. And it came to pass that as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the Lake of Galilee, and saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the boats which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people out of the boat.

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, 'Launch out into the

deep, and let down your nets for a draught.'

And Simon answering said unto him, 'Master, we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.'

And when they had this done, they caught a great multitude of fishes: and their nets brake. And they beckoned unto their partners which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.'

For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of fishes which they had taken: and so was also James and John, which were partners with Simon. And when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all, and

followed him.

And they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell Jesus of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up; and the fever left her; and she ministered unto them.

And at even when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick. And all the city was gathered together at the door; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

And Jesus went about all Galilee; and it came to pass when he was in a certain city there came a leper unto him, kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, 'If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.'

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, 'I will: be thou clean.'

And as soon as he had spoken the

leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And he sent him away, and saith unto him, 'See thou say nothing to any man, but go thy way, shew thyself to the priests.'

But he went out and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter, and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

And again Jesus entered into Capernaum after some days, and it was noised that he was in the house. And many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not as much as about the door; and he preached the word unto them.

And behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in and to

lay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in for the press, they went upon the house-top and let him down through the roof with his couch into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, 'Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.'

But there were certain of the Scribes and Pharisees sitting there, and saying in their hearts, 'Who can forgive sins but God only?'

But Jesus said unto them, 'Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, "Thy sins be forgiven thee"; or to say, "Arise, and take up thy bed and walk"? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins,' he saith to the sick of the palsy, 'I say unto thee, arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine

house.'

And he arose, took up his bed, and went forth before them all. And they were amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, 'We have seen strange things to-day.'

• • •

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep-market, a pool, which is called Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay many who were blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. And a certain man was there, which had been ill thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, 'Wilt thou be made whole?'

The man answered him, 'Sir, I have no man when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am

coming, another steppeth down before me.'

Jesus saith unto him, 'Rise, take up thy bed and walk.'

And the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked; and on the same day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him that was cured, 'It is the Sabbath day; it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.'

He answered them, 'He that made me whole, the same said unto me, "Take up thy bed and walk."'

Then asked they him, 'What man is that which said unto thee, "Take up thy bed and walk"?'

And he that was healed wist not who it was; for Jesus had gone away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, 'Behold, thou art made whole, sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto

thee.'

The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus which had made him whole. Therefore did the Jews seek to slay Jesus, because he had done these things on the Sabbath day.

• • •

And when Jesus was departed thence he went into a synagogue. And there was a man there which had a withered hand: and they watched him whether he would heal him on the Sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he said unto the man which had the withered hand, 'Rise up and stand forth in the midst.'

And he arose and stood forth. Then said Jesus unto them, 'What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep?'

Then saith he unto the man, 'Stretch forth thine hand.'

And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored whole as the other. And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

• • •

And Jesus went up into a mountain; and his disciples came unto him; and he taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

'Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

'When ye pray, do not vainly repeat words as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye:

'"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom

come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

'For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye

have need of all these things.

'Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. What man is there of you, who if his son ask bread will give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will give him a serpent? If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him.

'Whosoever cometh to me and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: he is like a wise man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the wind blew, and beat upon that house, and could not shake it;

for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the wind blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.'

• • •

Now when Jesus had ended all his sayings he entered into Capernaum; and a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus they besought him, saying that he was worthy for whom he should do this: for he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

And Jesus saith, 'I will come and heal

him.'

And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, 'Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.'

When Jesus heard it he marvelled, and said to them that followed, 'Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.'

And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

And it came to pass the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold there was a dead man carried out, the only son



When he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him.

of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, 'Weep not.'

And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare it stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say unto thee, Arise!'

And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all, and they glorified God.

At that time Jesus said, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down

to meat.

And behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and to wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself saying, 'This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him; for she is a sinner.'

And Jesus answering said unto him, 'Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee.'

And he saith, 'Master, say on.'

'There was a certain man which had two debtors. The one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty, and when they

had nothing to pay he frankly forgave them both. Tell me, therefore, which of them will love him most?' Simon answered and said, 'I suppose that he to whom he forgave most.'

And he said unto him, 'Thou hast rightly judged.'

And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, 'Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house; thou gavest me no water for my feet, but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss; but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint, but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, her sins which are many are forgiven, for she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.'



He said unto her, 'Thy sins are forgiven.'

And he said unto her, 'Thy sins are forgiven. Go in peace.'

• • •

And it came to pass afterward, that Jesus went through every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and certain women which had been healed, Mary Magdalene and Susanna, and many others who ministered unto him. And they went into an house. And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. And while he talked to the people, behold his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, 'Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without desiring to speak with thee.' But he answered and said unto him that told him, 'Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?'

And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples and said, 'Behold my mother and my brethren! for whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother.'

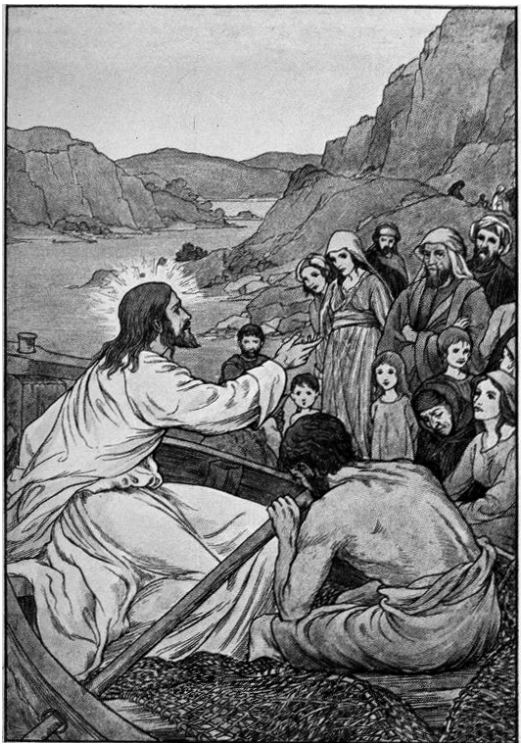
In the mean time when there were gathered together a great multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, Jesus said unto his disciples, 'Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.'

And he began again to teach by the sea-side; and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship and 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 unto them, 'Behold, a sower went forth to sow: and it came to pass as he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air came and devoured them up; and some fell on stony ground, where they had not much earth, and forth-with they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth; but when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them, and they yielded no fruit. And other fell in good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up, and increased, and brought forth, some thirtyfold, and some sixtyfold, and some an hundred-fold.'

And his disciples asked him, saying, 'What might this parable be?'

And he said, 'The parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the



He entered into a ship, and taught them many things by parables.

wayside are they that hear; then cometh the wicked one and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. Those on the rock are they which, when they hear, receive the word with joy, and these have no root, which for a while believe and in time of trial fall away. And those which fell among thorns are they which, when they have heard, go forth and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But those on the good ground are they which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.'

And Jesus said unto them, 'Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field, the which when a man hath found he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field.

'Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls; who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

And the same day when the even was come, Jesus saith unto them, 'Let us pass over unto the other side.'

And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the boat. And they launched forth. But as they sailed he fell asleep; and there came down a storm of wind on the lake, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was now full; and he was in the hinder part of the boat asleep on a pillow. And they came to him, and awoke him saying, 'Master, Master, we perish.'

Then he arose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, 'Peace, be still.'

And there was a great calm. And he said unto them, 'Where is your faith?'

And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, 'What manner of man is this? for he commandeth even the winds and the sea, and they obey him.' And they came over unto the other side of the sea.

And it came to pass when Jesus returned, the people gladly received him, for they were all waiting for him. And he came into his own city. And behold there cometh unto him one of the rulers, a man named Jairus. He had one only daughter about twelve years of age, and she lay a-dying. And when he saw Jesus he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, 'My little daughter lieth at the point of death. I pray thee come and lay thy hand on her, that she may be healed, and she shall live.'

And Jesus went with him, and much people followed him and thronged him. And a woman which had been ill twelve

years, and had suffered many things of many doctors, and had spent all that she had and was nothing better, but rather grew worse, when she heard of Jesus, came behind him and touched the hem of his garment; for she said within herself, 'If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole'; and the woman was made whole from that hour.

And Jesus said, 'Who touched me?'

Peter and they that were with him said, 'Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, "Who touched me?"'

And Jesus said, 'Somebody hath touched me, for virtue is gone out of me.'

And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said

unto her, 'Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.'

And while he yet spake there cometh one from the ruler's house saying, 'Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.'

As soon as Jesus had heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler, 'Be not afraid, only believe, and she shall be made whole.'

And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in save Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the maiden. And he seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly, and the minstrels and the people making a noise. And when he was come in he saith unto them, 'Why make ye this ado and weep? Give place, for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth.'

And they laughed him to scorn,

knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, 'Maid, arise.'

And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway. And he commanded that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were astonished; but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying and saying, 'Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.'

And when he was come into the house, the blind men came unto him.

And Jesus saith unto them, 'Believe ye that I am able to do this?'

They said unto him, 'Yea, Lord.'

Then touched he their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith be it unto you.'

And their eyes were opened, and Jesus charged them saying, 'See that no

man know it.'

But they spread abroad his fame in all that country.

And they departed into a desert place by boat, and the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and out went them, and came together unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd; and he spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing. And when the day began to wear away, his disciples came unto him, and said, 'This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed; send them away that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.' He answered and said unto them, 'They

need not depart. Give ye them to eat.'

And he saith unto Philip, 'Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?'

And this he said to prove him; for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, 'Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them that every one of them may take a little.'

He saith unto them, 'How many loaves have ye? Go and see.'

Andrew saith unto him, 'There is a lad here which hath five barley-loaves and two small fishes, but what are they among so many?'

And Jesus said, 'Make the men sit down.'

Now there was much grass in the place. And they sat down in ranks on the grass. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven and blessed and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to

set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat. And when they were filled, he saith to his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.'

Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with fragments of the five barley-loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

And Jesus constrained his disciples to go by boat before unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent them away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray.

And when even was come, and it was now dark, the boat was in the midst of the sea tossed with waves, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them. And about the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them, walking on

the sea, and would have passed by them. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, 'It is a spirit'

And they cried out for fear, for they all saw him. And straightway he talked with them, and saith unto them, 'Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.'

And Peter said, 'Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.'

And he said, 'Come.'

And when Peter was come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, 'Lord, save me.'

And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?'

Then they willingly received him into the boat; and the wind ceased, and

immediately the boat was at the land whither they went. Then they that were in the boat came and worshipped him, saying, 'Of a truth thou art the Son of God.'

The day following, when the people saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, 'Master, when earnest thou hither?'

Jesus answered them and said, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye seek me not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on

me shall never thirst; and him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.'

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, 'Will ye also go away?'

Then Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life; and we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

• • •

After these things they bring unto Jesus one that was deaf and had a stammer in his speech. And they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside and put his fingers into his ears, and touched his tongue, and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, 'Be opened.'

And straightway his ears were

opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man; but the more he charged them so much the more a great deal they told it abroad, saying, 'He hath done all things well. He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.'

And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and beseech him to touch him. And Jesus took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town. And when he had put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught. And he looked up and said, 'I see men as trees walking.'

After that Jesus put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up, and he saw every man 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 Cesarea Philippi, and by the way he asked his disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?'

And they said, 'Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some Elias, or one of the prophets.'

He said unto them, 'But who say ye that I am?'

And Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Blessed art thou; for flesh and blood hath not shewn this unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, a rock, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'

From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples how he must go

unto Jerusalem and suffer many things, and be killed and be raised again the third day.

And when he had called the people unto him, he said unto them all, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same 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, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray; and as he prayed his

face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias, and they were talking with Jesus. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake they saw his glory and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass as they departed from Jesus, Peter said unto him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.'

For he wist not what to say, for they were sore afraid. While he thus spake there came a cloud and overshadowed them, and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my beloved son; hear him.'

And suddenly when they had looked

round about, they saw no man any more save Jesus only with themselves.

And while they abode in Galilee he would not that any man should know it. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, 'The Son of Man shall be delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him, and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.'

But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. And they were exceeding sorry.

At the same time came the disciples to Jesus, saying, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'

And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, 'If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.'

And he took a child and set him in the midst of them; and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

'Except ye become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me.'

And John answered him, saying, 'Master, we saw one casting out evil spirits in thy name, and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.'

But Jesus said, 'Forbid him not, for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

'Take heed that ye despise not these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the

face of my Father which is in heaven. The Son of Man is come to save that which was lost.

'How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine and go into the mountains, and seek that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.'

Then came Peter to him and said, 'Lord, how oft shall my brother trespass against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?'

Jesus saith unto him, 'I say not unto thee until seven times: but until seventy times seven.'

Now the Jews' feast of tents was at

hand. And it came to pass, when the time was come, that Jesus set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

And as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, 'Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.'

And Jesus said unto him, 'Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head.'

And another said, 'Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell that are at home at my house.'

Jesus said unto him, 'No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'

And as Jesus entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off; and they lifted up their voices and said, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.'

And when he saw them he said, 'Go

shew yourselves unto the priests.'

And it came to pass that as they went they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan.

And Jesus answering, said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.'

And he said unto him, 'Arise, go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole.'

Then the Jews sought Jesus at the feast, and said, 'Where is he?'

And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him, for some said, 'He is a good man.'

Others said, 'Nay, but he deceiveth the people.'

Howbeit no man spake openly of him, for fear of the Jews.

Now about the midst of the feast, Jesus went into the temple and taught.

And the Jews marvelled, saying, 'How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?'

Jesus answered them and said, 'My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.'

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.'

Then said some of them of Jerusalem, 'Is not this he whom they seek to kill? But lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him.'

Then they sought to take him, but no man laid hands on him, because his hour

was not yet come.

Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said unto them, 'Why have ye not brought him?'

The officers answered, 'Never man spake like this man!'

Then answered them the Pharisees, 'Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers believed on him?'

And every man went into his own house. Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives.

And early in the morning, Jesus came again into the temple. And all the people came unto him; and he spake unto them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'

He said unto them again, 'When ye have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself, but as my Father hath

taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me. The Father hath not left me alone, for I do always those things that please him.'

As he spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, 'If ye obey my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,'

They answered him, 'We be Abraham's children, and were never in bondage to any man. How sayest thou, "Ye shall be made free"?'

Jesus answered them, 'Verily, verily I say unto you, whosoever sinneth is the servant of sin.'

Then took they up stones to cast at him; but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and questioned him, saying, 'Master, what shall I do that I may have eternal life?'

He said unto him, 'What is written in the law, how readest thou?'

And he answering, said, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself.'

And he said unto him, 'Thou hast answered rightly, this do and thou shalt live.'

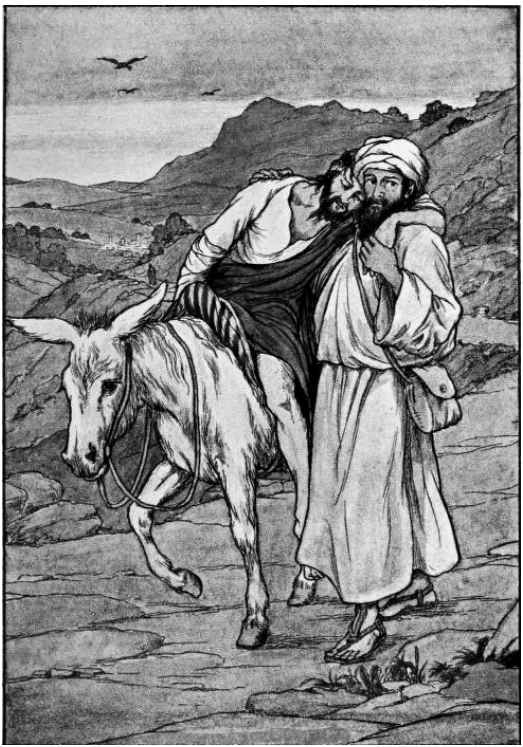
But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

And Jesus answering, said, 'A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and went away leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a

certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had pity on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out money, and gave it to the host, and said unto him, "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among thieves?'

And he said, 'He that shewed mercy on him.'

Then said Jesus unto him, 'Go, and



A certain Samaritan set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn.

do thou likewise.'

• • •

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a village called Bethany, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

But Martha was troubled about much serving, and came to him and said, 'Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.'

And Jesus answered and said unto her, 'Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.'

• • •

And as Jesus passed by he saw a man who was blind from his birth. And his

disciples asked him, saying, 'Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'

Jesus answered, 'Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

When he had thus spoken, he anointed the eyes of the blind man with clay, and said unto him, 'Go wash in the pool of Siloam.'

He went his way therefore and washed, and came seeing.

The neighbours, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, 'Is not this he that sat and begged?'

Some said, 'This is he.'

Others said, 'He is like him.'

But he said, 'I am he.'

They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, 'He put clay on my eyes, and I washed and do see.'

Therefore said some of the Pharisees, 'This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the Sabbath day.'

Others said, 'How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?'

They said unto the blind man again, 'What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes?'

He said, 'He is a prophet.'

But the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

And they asked them, saying, 'Is this your son who, ye say, was born blind?

How then doth he now see?'

His parents answered them and said, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind. But by what means he now seeth, we know not. Or who hath opened his eyes we know not. He is of age, ask him; he shall speak for himself.'

These words spake his parents because they feared the Jews, because the Jews had agreed already that if any man did confess that Jesus was Christ, he should be an outcast. Therefore said his parents, 'He is of age; ask him.'

Then again called they the man that was blind and said unto him, 'Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.'

He answered and said, 'Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not. One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see!'

Then said they to him again, 'What

did he to thee? How opened he thine eyes?'

He answered them, 'I have told you already, and ye did not hear. Wherefore would ye hear it again? Will ye also be his disciples?'

Then they reviled him and said, 'Thou art his disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses, but as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.'

The man answered and said unto them, 'Why, herein is a strange thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes! If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.'

They answered and said unto him, 'Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us?'

And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him

out, and when he had found him, he said unto him, 'Dost thou believe on the Son of God?'

He answered and said, 'Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?'

And Jesus said unto him, 'Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.'

And he said, 'Lord, I believe.'

And he worshipped him.

• • •

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch, and spake this parable unto them:

'Verily, verily I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice,

and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers.

'The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep and fleeth. And the wolf catcheth them and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am

known of mine. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself.'

After these sayings the Jews sought again to take him; but he escaped out of their hand, and went away again beyond Jordan, into the place where John at first baptized, and there he abode. And much people went unto him there and said, 'All things that John spake of this man were true.' And many believed on him there.

• • •

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus of Bethany, the brother of Mary and her sister Martha.

Now Jesus loved Martha and her

sister and Lazarus. Therefore the sisters of Lazarus sent unto Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom thou lovest is sick.' When he had heard that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that he saith to his disciples, 'Let us go into Judea again.'

His disciples say unto him, 'Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee, and goest thou thither again?'

Jesus said, 'Our friend Lazarus sleepeth, but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.'

Then said his disciples, 'Lord, if he sleep he shall do well.'

Howbeit Jesus spake of his death; but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

Then said Jesus unto them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that ye may believe. Nevertheless let us go unto him.'

Then said Thomas unto his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go that we may die with him.'

Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem; and many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary to comfort them. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him, but Mary sat still in the house.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, 'Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.'

Jesus said unto her, 'Thy brother shall rise again.'

Martha saith unto him, 'I know that he shall rise again at the last day.'

Jesus saith unto her, 'I am the

resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?'

She saith unto him, 'Yea, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.'

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, 'The Master is come, and calleth for thee.' As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came unto him. Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, 'She goeth unto the grave to weep there.'

Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, 'Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.'

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, 'Where have they laid him?'

They said unto him, 'Lord, come and see.'

Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, 'Behold how he loved him!'

And some of them said, 'Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?'

Jesus therefore cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

Jesus said, 'Take ye away the stone.'

Martha, the sister of him that was

dead, saith unto him, 'Lord, he hath been dead four days!'

Jesus saith unto her, 'Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?'

Then they took away the stone. Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth.'

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes, and his face was bound about with a napkin.

Jesus saith unto them, 'Loose him, and let him go.'

Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, 'What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him.'

Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, and there continued with his disciples.

And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman which had been bowed together for eighteen years, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her unto him, and said unto her, 'Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.'

And he laid his hands on her, and she was made straight, and glorified God.

And the ruler of the synagogue said unto the people, 'There are six days in which men ought to work. In them therefore come and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.'

The Lord then answered him and

said, 'Doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?'

And when he had said these things his enemies were ashamed, and the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

• • •

And he went through the cities and villages teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. Then said one unto him, 'Lord, are there few that be saved?'

And he said unto them, 'Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. And they shall come from the east and from the west, and from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And

behold, there are last which shall be first, and first which shall be last.'

The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto Jesus, 'Depart hence, for Herod will kill thee.'

And he said unto them, 'Go ye and tell that fox, behold, I do cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk to-day and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate!'

Then drew near unto Jesus all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes

murmured, saying, 'This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.'

And Jesus said, 'A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me."

'And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his money with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land: and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a man of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have fed on the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

'And when he came to himself he said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare,

and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants."

'And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son."

'But the father said to his servants, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him. And put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat and be merry. For this my son was dead and is alive again. He was lost, and is found."

'And they began to be merry.

'Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, "Thy brother is come, and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound."

'And he was angry, and would not go in. Therefore came his father out and entreated him. And he answering said to his father, "Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither disobeyed I at any time thy commandment, and yet thou never gavest me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this thy son was come which hath wasted thy living, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf."

'And he said unto him, "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make

merry and be glad, for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again, and was lost, and is found.'"

And again Jesus spake another parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others.

'Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax-gatherer. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are, or even as this tax-gatherer. I fast twice in the week. I give tithes of all that I possess."

'And the tax-gatherer standing afar off would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

'I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other.'

• • •

Then were there brought unto Jesus little children, that he should put his hands on them and pray. And his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it he was much displeased, and called them unto him, and said unto them —

'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.'

And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them, and departed thence.

• • •

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running and kneeled to him and asked him, 'Good Master, what shall I do that I may have eternal life?'

And Jesus said unto him, 'If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.'

He saith unto him, 'Which?'

Jesus said, 'Do not kill. Do not steal. Honour thy father and thy mother. And thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.'

The young man saith unto him, 'All those things have I kept from my youth up. What lack I yet?'

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, 'If thou wilt be perfect, go thy way, sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. And come, take up the cross and follow me.'

But when the young man heard that, he went away sorrowful, for he was very rich.

And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, 'How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!'

And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus saith unto them again, '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 that heard it said, '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.' Then said he again —

'The kingdom of heaven is like unto a man who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market place, and said unto them,

"Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you." And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

'They say unto him, "Because no man hath hired us."

'He saith unto them, "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

'So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, "Call the labourers and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first."

'And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came they supposed that they should have received more, and they

likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, saying, "These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day."

'But he answered one of them, and said, "Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst thou not agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way; I will give unto this last even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own?"'

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 he took again the twelve, and began to tell them what things should happen unto him, saying, 'Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man

shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles, and they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him, and the third day he shall rise again.'

And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

• • •

And they came to Jericho; and as Jesus went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude of people, blind Bartimaeus sat by the highway side begging, and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant, and they told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.'

And he cried, saying, 'Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me!'

And many which went before

charged him that he should hold his peace. And he cried the more a great deal, 'Thou son of David, have mercy on me!'

And Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, 'Be of good comfort. Rise. He calleth thee.'

And he, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus. And when he was come near, Jesus asked him, saying, 'What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?'

And he said, 'Lord, that I may receive my sight.'

And Jesus said unto him, 'Receive thy sight; thy faith hath saved thee.'

And he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way glorifying God, and all the people when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

And behold, there was a man named

Zaccheus, which was the chief tax-gatherer; and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus, who he was, and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said unto him, 'Zaccheus, make haste and come down, for to-day I must abide at thy house.'

And he made haste, and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, 'He is gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.'

And Zaccheus stood and said unto the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken any thing from any man falsely, I give him back fourfold.'

And Jesus said unto him, 'This day is

Salvation come to this house, for the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.'

And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand, and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, 'What think ye that he will not come to the feast?'

Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment that if any man knew where he was, he should shew it, that they might take him.

Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there, and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also

whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted that they might put Lazarus also to death, because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus.

• • •

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come unto the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying, 'Go ye into the village over against you, in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, "Why do ye loose him?" say ye, "Because the Lord hath need of him." And straightway he will send him hither.'

And they that were sent went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met, and they loose him.

And certain of them that stood by

said unto them, 'Why loose ye the colt?'

And they said, 'The Lord hath need of him.'

And they let them go.

And they brought him to Jesus, and they cast their clothes upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went they spread their clothes in the way, and took branches from the palm trees and strawed them in the way, and went forth to meet him. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, they that went before and they that followed began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; and they cried, saying, 'Hosanna, blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven and glory in the highest.'

The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, 'Perceive ye how ye prevail

nothing? Behold, the world is gone after him.'

And when he was come into Jerusalem all the city was moved, saying, 'Who is this?'

And the multitude said, 'This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.' And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

And when the eventide was come, Jesus went out of the city unto Bethany. And he lodged there.

And the Scribes and chief priests sought how they might destroy him, and could not find what they might do; for they feared him, for all the people were very attentive to hear him.

And in the daytime he was teaching in the temple, and at night he went out and abode in the mount that is called the Mount of Olives. And all the people

came early in the morning to him in the temple. And it came to pass on one of these days he taught the people and said, 'What think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first and said, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard." He answered, "I will not," but afterward he repented and went. And he came to the second and said likewise. And he said, "I go, sir," and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father?'

They say unto him, 'The first.'

Jesus saith unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, that sinners go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not, but sinners believed him. And ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.'

Then began he to speak to the people this parable, 'A certain man planted a

vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to vine-dressers, and went into a far country. And when the time of the fruit drew near he sent to the vine-dressers a servant, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard. And they caught him and beat him, and sent him away empty. And again he sent another servant, and at him they cast stones and wounded him in the head, and sent him away empty. And again he sent a third, and they wounded him also and cast him out. But last of all he sent unto them his son, his well beloved, saying, "They will reverence my son." But those vine-dressers said among themselves, "This is the heir; come let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours." So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. What shall therefore the Lord of the vineyard do?

He will come and destroy those vine-dressers, and will give the vineyard unto others. Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.'

And the chief priests and Scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him, for they knew that he had spoken this parable against them; but they feared the people, and they left him and went their way.

And one of the Scribes asked him, 'Which is the first commandment of all?'

And Jesus answered him, 'The first of all the commandments is: "Hear, O 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, namely this: "Thou shalt

love thy neighbour as thyself." There is none other commandment greater than these.'

And the Scribe said unto him, 'Well, Master, thou hast said the truth, for there is one God, and there is none other but he, and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.'

And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said unto him, 'Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.' And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Then in the audience of all the people he said, 'The Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat; all therefore whatsoever they bid you do, that do. But do not ye after their works. For they bind

heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do to be seen of men. They love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, "Master, master." But be not ye called "Master," for one is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren. But he that is greatest among you, shall be your servant.'

And Jesus looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury, for all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her

want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.'

• • •

And as Jesus sat upon the Mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James, and John and Andrew, asked him, 'Tell us what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?'

And Jesus said, 'Of that day and that hour knoweth no man, neither the Son, but the Father. Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be thought worthy to stand before the Son of Man. For ye know not when your Lord doth come, at even, or at midnight, or at cock-crowing, or in the morning, lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto all, "Watch."

'Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise,

and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil in them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him."

'Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, "Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out."

'But the wise answered, "Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you, but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves."

'And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came. And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage. And the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, "Lord, Lord, open unto us."

'But he answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not."

'Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

'When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. And before him shall be gathered all nations. And he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, and the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me. I was sick, and ye visited me. I was in prison, and ye

came unto me."

'Then shall the righteous answer him, "Lord, when saw we thee a stranger and took thee in, or naked and clothed thee; or when saw we thee sick or in prison and came unto thee?"

'And the King shall answer and say unto them, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

'Then shall he say unto those on the left hand, "Depart from me: for I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat. I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not, sick and in prison, and ye visited me not."

'Then shall they also answer him, saying, "Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not

minister unto thee?"

'Then shall he answer them, saying, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."'

And when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, 'Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified.'

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, they made him a supper. And Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very costly, and she brake the box and poured it on his head, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair, and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith Judas, 'Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and

given to the poor?'

This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the bag and bare what was put therein.

And Jesus said, 'Let her alone, why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good, but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could. Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of.'

And this same Judas, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests to betray Jesus unto them, and said, 'What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?'

And when they heard it they were glad, and promised to give him thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he

sought how he might betray him unto them in the absence of the people.

Then came the day of unleavened bread when the passover must be killed.

And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.'

And they said unto him, 'Where wilt thou that we prepare?'

And he said unto them, 'Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water. Follow him into the house where he entereth in, and say ye to the goodman of the house, "The master saith, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?" And he will shew you a large upper room. There make ready for us.'

And they went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them. And they made ready the

passover.

Now when the even was come, Jesus sat down with the twelve. And he said unto them, 'With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer, for I say unto you, I will not eat any more thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.'

And Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God, riseth from supper and laid aside his garments, and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Then cometh he to Simon Peter. And Peter said unto him, 'Lord, dost thou wash my feet?'

Jesus answered and said unto him, 'What I do thou knowest not now, but

thou shalt know hereafter.'

Peter saith unto him, 'Thou shalt never wash my feet.'

Jesus answered him, 'If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.'

Simon Peter saith unto him, 'Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.'

Jesus saith to him, 'He that is bathed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit. And ye are clean, but not all.'

For he knew who should betray him, therefore said he, 'Ye are not all clean.'

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, 'Know ye what I have done unto you? Ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you

an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord, neither is he that is sent, greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.'

When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit and said, 'Verily, verily I say unto you, that one of you which eateth with me, shall betray me.'

Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, 'Is it I?'

And another said, 'Is it I?'

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

He then lying on Jesus' breast, saith unto him, 'Lord, who is it?'

Jesus answered, 'He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it.'

And when he had dipped it, he gave it to Judas. Then said Jesus unto him, 'That thou doest, do quickly.'

Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, 'Buy those things that we have need of against the feast,' or that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out.

And it was night.

When he was gone out Jesus said, "Little children, yet a little while am I with you. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.'

Peter said unto him, 'Lord, whither goest thou?'

Jesus answered him, 'Whither I go thou canst not follow me now, but thou shalt follow me afterwards.'

Peter said unto him, 'Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.'

Then saith Jesus unto them, 'All ye shall be offended because of me this night. But after I am risen again I will go before you into Galilee.'

Peter said unto him, 'Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. I am ready to go with thee both into prison and to death.'

And Jesus saith unto him, 'Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily I say unto thee, that this day even in this night before the cock crow twice thou shalt deny me thrice!'

Peter said unto him, 'Though I

should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise.'

Likewise also said they all.

• • •

And Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.'

And he took the cup after supper, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it. This cup is the new Testament in my blood which is shed for you.' And they all drank of it.

• • •

And Jesus said, 'Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there

ye may be also.

'Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you. If ye loved me ye would rejoice because I said I go unto the Father, for the Father is greater than I. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you. Abide ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. In the world ye shall have sorrow, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to Heaven and said, 'Father, the hour is come. Glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee, as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on

the earth. I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

'Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me, for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee, but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name and will declare it, that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them and I in them.'

And when they had sung an hymn, Jesus went forth with his disciples unto the Mount of Olives, where was a garden which was named Gethsemane, into the which they entered. And Judas also

which betrayed him knew the place, for Jesus ofttimes went thither with his disciples. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, 'Pray that ye enter not into temptation.' And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Then saith he unto them, 'My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. Tarry ye here and watch with me.'

And he went a little further, about a stone's cast, and fell on his face and prayed, saying, 'O my Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt.'

And when he rose up from prayer and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, and saith unto Peter, 'Simon, sleepest thou? Couldest not thou watch with me one hour?'

He went away the second time and prayed, saying, 'O my Father, if this cup

may not pass from me except I drink it, thy will be done.'

And he came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. Neither wist they what to answer him.

And he left them and went away and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, 'Sleep on now, and take your rest. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let us go. Behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.'

And while he yet spake, lo, Judas came, and with him many with lanterns and torches and weapons from the chief priests and elders of the people.

And Jesus went forth and said unto them, 'Whom seek ye?'

They answered him, 'Jesus of Nazareth.'

Jesus saith unto them, 'I am he.'

As soon then as he said unto them, 'I am he,' they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Then asked he them again, 'Whom seek ye?'

And they said, 'Jesus of Nazareth.'

Jesus answered, 'I have told you that I am he. If therefore ye seek me, let these go their way.'

And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, 'Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him and lead him away safely.'

And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to Jesus and saith, 'Hail, Master,' and kissed him.

And Jesus said unto him, 'Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?'

And they laid hands on him and took him. Then saith Jesus unto them which

were come unto him, 'Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.'

Then all the disciples forsook him and fled. And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the Scribes.

• • •

And Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. And they went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, they warmed

themselves, and Peter stood with them and warmed himself. And as he was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest, and when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him and said, 'And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.'

But he denied, saying, 'Woman, I know him not, neither understand I what thou sayest.'

And he went out into the porch, and the cock crew. And a maid saw him again, and said to them that stood by, 'This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.' And he denied again.

And about the space of one hour after, they that stood by said again to Peter, 'Surely thou art one of them, for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.'

But he began to curse and to swear, saying, 'I know not this man of whom ye

speak.' And the second time the cock crew.

And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, 'Before the cock crow twice thou shalt deny me thrice.' And when Peter thought thereon, he went out and wept bitterly.

• • •

And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death, and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

And the high priest arose and said unto him, 'Answerest thou nothing? What is it which these witness against thee?'

But Jesus held his peace.

Then the high priest said unto him, 'Art thou the Christ, the Son of the

blessed?'

And Jesus said, 'I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.'

Then the chief priest rent his clothes and saith, 'What need we any further witness? For we ourselves have heard of his own mouth. What think ye?'

They answered and said, 'He is guilty of death.'

And the men that held Jesus mocked him and smote him. And when they had blind-folded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, 'Prophesy who is he that smote thee?'

And many other things spake they against him.

And the whole multitude of them arose and led him unto Pilate, and began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this fellow saying that he is Christ, a king.'

Then Pilate said unto him, 'Art thou the King of the Jews?'

Jesus answered him, 'Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?'

Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? Thine own nation have delivered thee unto me. What hast thou done?'

Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews, but now is my kingdom not from hence.'

Pilate therefore said unto him, 'Art thou a king, then?'

Jesus answered, 'Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.'

Pilate saith unto him, 'What is truth?'

And when he had said this he said to the Jews, 'I find in him no fault at all.'

And they were the more fierce, saying, 'He stirreth up the people.'

Now at that feast Pilate set free unto them one prisoner, whom they would. And there was one named Barabbas who was a robber; therefore when they were gathered together Pilate said unto them, 'Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?'

For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people. And they cried out all at once, saying, 'Away with this man, and give unto us Barabbas.'

Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them, 'What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?'

But they cried, saying, 'Crucify him.'

Then Pilate saith unto them, 'Why,

what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him. I will therefore scourge him and let him go.'

And they cried out the more, 'Crucify him, crucify him.'

Then Pilate took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just man. See ye to it.' Then answered all the people, 'His blood be on us and on our children.'

And so Pilate set free unto them Barabbas whom they had desired, but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Then the soldiers therefore took Jesus and scourged him, and platted a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and a reed in his right hand, and they bowed the knee before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!'

And they smote him with their

hands. Pilate therefore went forth again and saith unto them, 'Behold, I bring him forth to you that ye may know that I find no fault in him.'

Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, 'Behold the man!'

When they saw him they cried out, 'Crucify him, crucify him.'

Pilate saith unto them, 'Take ye him and crucify him, for I find no fault in him.'

The Jews cried out, 'If thou let this man go, thou art not Cesar's friend. Whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Cesar.'

Pilate saith unto them, 'Shall I crucify your king?'

The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Cesar.'

Then delivered he him to be

crucified.

And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

And as they led him away, they found one Simon coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people which also bewailed him.

But Jesus turning unto them said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.'

And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh, and when he had tasted thereof he would not drink.

And it was the third hour; and they crucified him, and two other with him,

on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

Then said Jesus, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part, and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, 'Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be.'

These things therefore the soldiers did; and sitting down they watched him there.

And Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.'

This title then read many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh unto the city. Then said the chief priests to Pilate, 'Write not, "The King of the Jews," but that he said, "I am

King of the Jews.'"

Pilate answered, 'What I have written, I have written.'

And they that passed by mocked him, saying, 'If thou be the Son of God, save thyself and come down from the cross.'

Likewise also the chief priests, mocking, said among themselves, 'He saved others. Himself he cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.'

And one of the thieves which were crucified with him railed on him, saying, 'If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us.'

But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou also must die? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this man hath done nothing amiss.'

And he said unto Jesus, 'Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.'

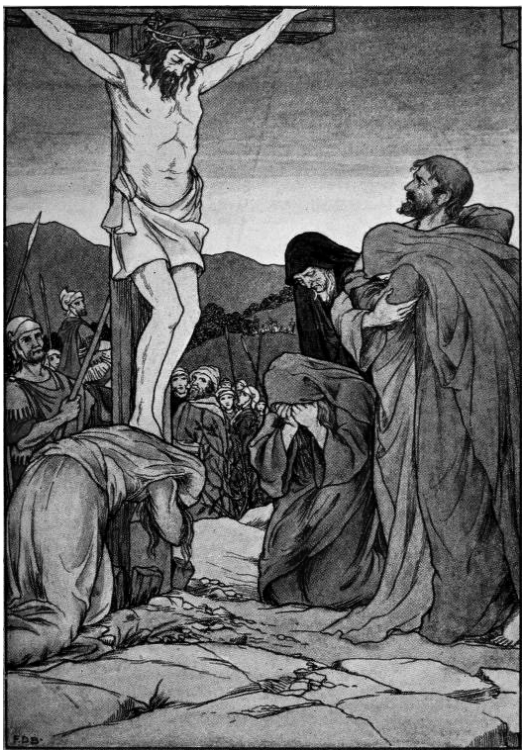
And Jesus said unto him, 'Verily I say unto thee, to-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.'

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother and his mother's sister, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus therefore saw his mother and that disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, 'Woman, behold thy son.' Then saith he to the disciple, 'Behold thy mother.'

And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

And it was about the sixth hour; and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'



There stood by the cross of Jesus his
mother, and his mother's sister,
and Mary Magdalene.

After this Jesus saith, 'I thirst.' Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar, and they filled a sponge with vinegar and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished.'

And when he had cried with a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit,' and having said thus, he bowed his head and gave up the ghost.

• • •

And after this a man named Joseph, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore and took the body, and wound it in linen clothes with spices.

Now in the place where Jesus was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, wherein was never

man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore, for it was nigh at hand. And the women also which came with him from Galilee beheld how his body was laid. And they returned and prepared spices and ointment, and rested the Sabbath day.

And when the Sabbath was past, behold there was an earthquake, for the angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb, and sat upon it. His face was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow, and for fear of him the keepers did shake and became as dead men.

And very early in the morning as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, came unto the grave that they might anoint the body of Jesus. And they said among

themselves, 'Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb?'

And when they looked they saw that the stone was rolled away, for it was very great. And they entered in and found not the body of Jesus.

And it came to pass, behold two men stood by them in shining garments, and as they were afraid and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. Remember how he spake unto you, saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and the third day rise again." But go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead, and behold he goeth before you into Galilee. There shall ye see him as he said unto you.'

And they returned from the grave, and came to Peter and that other

disciple, and said unto them, 'They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him.'

Peter therefore went forth and that other disciple, and came to the grave. So they ran both together, and that other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the tomb. And he looking in saw the linen clothes lying, yet went he not in. Then cometh Peter and went into the tomb, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin that was about his head wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in that other disciple which came first to the tomb, and he saw and believed. For as yet they knew not that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again into their own home, wondering at that which was come to pass. But Mary stood without at the grave weeping. And as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb,

and seeth two angels sitting the one at the head and the other at the feet where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, 'Woman, why weepest thou?'

She saith unto them, 'Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.'

And when she had thus said, she turned back and saw Jesus standing and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, 'Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?' She supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, 'Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus saith unto her, 'Mary!'

She turned herself and saith unto him, 'Master!'

Jesus saith unto her, 'Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to



She saith unto him, 'Master!'

my God and your God.'

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

And behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus. And they talked together of all those things which had happened. And Jesus himself drew near and went with them, but their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

And he said unto them, 'What say ye one to another as ye walk and are sad?'

And one of them said unto him, 'Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?'

And he said unto them, 'What things?'

And they said unto him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, and how the chief priests and our rulers have crucified him.

But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel. And beside all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company which were early at the grave, when they found not his body, came saying that they had seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the grave, and found it even so as the women had said. But him they saw not.

Then Jesus said unto them, 'O fools, and slow of heart to believe, ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?'

And they drew nigh unto the village whither they went. And he made as though he would have gone further.

But they said, 'Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.'

And he went in to tarry with them.

And as he sat at meat with them, he took bread and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him, and he vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, 'Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way?'

And they rose up the same hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, 'The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Peter.'

And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, 'Peace be unto you.'

And when he had so said, he shewed them his hands and his side. Then were

the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. And while they yet believed not for joy, Jesus said unto them, 'Have ye here any meat?'

And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them.

Then said he unto them, 'Peace be unto you. As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.'

And when Jesus had said this, he saith unto them, 'Receive ye the Holy Spirit.'

• • •

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee. And Jesus shewed himself again to them at the Sea of Galilee. And on this wise shewed he himself. There were together Simon Peter and Thomas, and five other of his disciples.

Peter saith unto them, 'I go a-fishing.'

They say unto him, 'We also go with

thee.'

They went forth, and entered into a boat, and that night they caught nothing.

But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

Then Jesus saith unto them, 'Children, have ye any meat?'

They answered him, 'No.'

And he said unto them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find.'

They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, 'It is the Lord.'

Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fishers coat unto him, and did cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came in a little

boat, for they were not far from land, dragging the net with fishes.

As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

Jesus saith unto them, 'Come and dine.'

And none of the disciples durst ask him, 'Who art thou?' knowing that it was the Lord.

Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread and giveth them, and fish likewise.

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?'

He saith unto him, 'Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.'

Jesus saith unto him, 'Feed my lambs.'

Jesus saith to him again the second time, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?'

He saith unto him, 'Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.'

Jesus saith unto him, 'Feed my sheep.'

Jesus saith unto him the third time, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?'

Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, 'Lovest thou me?' He said unto him, 'Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee.'

Jesus saith unto him, 'Feed my sheep. Verily, verily I say unto thee, when thou wast young thou girdedst thyself and walkedst whither thou wouldst, but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.'

And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, 'Follow me.'

Then Peter, turning about, seeth the

disciple whom Jesus loved, following, which also leaned on Jesus' breast at supper.

Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, 'Lord, and what shall this man do?'

Jesus saith unto him, 'If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.'

• • •

After that Jesus was seen of above five hundred brethren at once. And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus spake unto them, saying, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'

• • •

And Jesus led the disciples out as far as to Bethany; and he lifted up his hands

and blessed them. And it came to pass while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God.