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Luke 1: 26-38 The Coming Birth of Jesus

26 ... God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. **27** He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a man named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **28** The angel greeted her and said, "The Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you."

29 Mary was very upset because of his words. She wondered what kind of greeting this could be. **30** But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. **31** You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king like his father David of long ago. **33** The Son of the Most High God will rule forever over his people. They are from the family line of Jacob. That kingdom will never end."

34 "How can this happen?" Mary asked the angel. "I am a virgin."

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God. **36** Your relative Elizabeth will have a child even though she is old. People thought she could not have children. But she has been pregnant for six months now. **37** That's because what God says will always come true."

38 "I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." Then the angel left her.

Luke 2: 2-6 Jesus Is Born

2 In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. **2** It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

4 So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. **5** He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby. **6** While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. **7** She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

Luke 2: 8-20 The Shepherds and Angels

8 There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said,

14 “May glory be given to God in the highest heaven!

And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!”

15 The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem. Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger. **17** After the shepherds had seen him, they told everyone. They reported what the angel had said about this child. **18** All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. She thought about them over and over. **20** The shepherds returned. They gave glory and praise to God. Everything they had seen and heard was just as they had been told.

Luke 3: 21-22 The Baptism of Jesus

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened. **22** The Holy Spirit came to rest on him in the form of a dove. A voice came from heaven. It said, “You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you.”

23 Jesus was about 30 years old when he began his special work for God and others.

Luke 4: 1-12 Jesus Is Tempted in the Desert

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan River. The Spirit led him into the desert. **2** There the devil tempted him for 40 days. Jesus ate nothing during that time. At the end of the 40 days, he was hungry.

3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

4 Jesus answered, “It is written, ‘Man must not live only on bread.’” (Deuteronomy 8:3)

5 Then the devil led Jesus up to a high place. In an instant, he showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. **6** He said to Jesus, “I will give you all their authority and glory. It has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. **7** If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

8 Jesus answered, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you should serve.’” (Deuteronomy 6:13)

9 Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem. He had Jesus stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. **10** It is written, “ ‘The Lord will command his angels to take good care of you. **11** They will lift you up in their hands.

Then you won’t trip over a stone.’” (Psalms 91:11,12)

12 Jesus answered, “Scripture says, ‘Do not test the Lord your God.’” (Deuteronomy 6:16)

Luke 5: 1-11 Jesus and the Fishermen

One day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee. The people crowded around him and listened to the word of God. **2** Jesus saw two boats at the edge of the water. They had been left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into the boat that belonged to Simon. Jesus asked him to go out a little way from shore. Then he sat down in the boat and taught the people.

4 When he finished speaking, he turned to Simon. Jesus said, “Go out into deep water. Let down the nets so you can catch some fish.”

5 Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

6 When they had done so, they caught a large number of fish. There were so many that their nets began to break. **7** So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees. “Go away from me, Lord!” he said. “I am a sinful man!” **9** He and everyone with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught. **10** So were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who worked with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on you will fish for people.” **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore. Then they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5: 17 – 26 Jesus Heals a Man Who Could Not Walk

17 One day Jesus was teaching. Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. They heard that the Lord had given Jesus the power to heal the sick. **18** So some men came carrying a man who could not walk. He was lying on a mat. They tried to take him into the house to place him in front of Jesus. **19** They could not find a way to do this because of the crowd. So they went up on the roof. Then they lowered the man on his mat through the opening in the roof tiles. They lowered him into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw that they had faith, he spoke to the man. He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to think, “Who is this fellow who says such an evil thing? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? **23** Is it easier to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven’? Or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? **24** But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he spoke to the man who could not walk. “I tell you,” he said, “get up. Take your mat and go home.” **25** Right away, the man stood up in front of them. He took his mat and went home praising God. **26** Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with wonder. They said, “We have seen unusual things today.”

Luke 6: 37- 42 Be Fair When You Judge Other People

37 “If you do not judge other people, then you will not be judged. If you do not find others guilty, then you will not be found guilty. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **38** Give, and it will be given to you. A good amount will be poured into your lap. It will be pressed down, shaken together, and running over. The same amount you give will be measured out to you.”

39 Jesus also gave them another example. He asked, “Can a blind person lead another blind person? Won’t they both fall into a pit? **40** The student is not better than the teacher. But everyone who is completely trained will be like their teacher.

41 “You look at the bit of sawdust in your friend’s eye. But you pay no attention to the piece of wood in your own eye. **42** How can you say to your friend, ‘Let me take the bit of sawdust out of your eye’? How can you say this while there is a piece of wood in your own eye? You pretender! First take the piece of wood out of your own eye. Then you will be able to see clearly to take the bit of sawdust out of your friend’s eye.

Luke 6: 43 – 45 A Tree and Its Fruit

43 “A good tree doesn’t bear bad fruit. And a bad tree doesn’t bear good fruit. **44** You can tell each tree by the kind of fruit it bears. People do not pick figs from thorns. And they don’t pick grapes from bushes. **45** A good man says good things. These come from the good that is stored up in his heart. An evil man says evil things. These come from the evil that is stored up in his heart. A person’s mouth says everything that is in their heart.

Luke 6: 46 – 49 The Wise and Foolish Builders

46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and still don’t do what I say? **47** Some people come and listen to me and do what I say. I will show you what they are like. **48** They are like a man who builds a house. He digs down deep and sets it on solid rock. When a flood comes, the river rushes against the house. But the water can’t shake it. The house is well built. **49** But here is what happens when people listen to my words and do not obey them. They are like a man who builds a house on soft ground instead of solid rock. The moment the river rushes against that house, it falls down. It is completely destroyed.”

Luke 7: 1 – 9 A Roman Commander Has Faith

7 Jesus finished saying all these things to the people who were listening. Then he entered Capernaum. **2** There the servant of a Roman commander was sick and about to die. His master thought highly of him. **3** The commander heard about Jesus. So he sent some elders of the Jews to him. He told them to ask Jesus to come and heal his servant. **4** They came to Jesus and begged him, “This man deserves to have you do this. **5** He loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” **6** So Jesus went with them.

When Jesus came near the house, the Roman commander sent friends to him. He told them to say, “Lord, don’t trouble yourself. I am not good enough to have you come into my house. **7** That is why I did not even think I was fit to come to you. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. **8** I myself am a man who is under authority. And I have soldiers who obey my orders. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes. I tell that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

9 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at the commander. Jesus turned to the crowd that was following him. He said, “I tell you, even in Israel I have not found anyone whose faith is so strong.” **10** Then the men who had been sent to Jesus returned to the house. They found that the servant was healed.

Luke 8: 16 – 18 A Lamp on a Stand

16 “No one lights a lamp and then hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand. Then those who come in can see its light. **17** What is hidden will be seen. And what is out of sight will be brought into the open and made known. **18** So be careful how you listen. Whoever has something will be given more. Whoever has nothing, even what they think they have will be taken away from them.”

Luke 9: 10 – 17 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

10 The disciples returned. They told Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him. They went off by themselves to a town called Bethsaida. **11** But the crowds learned about it and followed Jesus. He welcomed them and spoke to them about God’s kingdom. He also healed those who needed to be healed.

12 Late in the afternoon the 12 disciples came to him. They said, “Send the crowd away. They can go to the nearby villages and countryside. There they can find food and a place to stay. There is nothing here.”

13 Jesus replied, “You give them something to eat.” The disciples answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish. We would have to go and buy food for all this crowd.” **14** About 5,000 men were there.

But Jesus said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about 50 each.” **15** The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. **16** Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He broke them into pieces. Then he gave them to the disciples to give to the people. **17** All of them ate and were satisfied. The disciples picked up 12 baskets of leftover pieces.

Luke 10: 25 – 29 The Most Important Commandment

25 One day an authority on the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to receive eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” Jesus replied. “How do you understand it?”

27 He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.’ (Deuteronomy 6:5) And, ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ ” (Leviticus 19:18)

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do that, and you will live.”

29 But the man wanted to make himself look good. So he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”

Luke 10: 30 – 37 The Story of the Good Samaritan

30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. Robbers attacked him. They stripped off his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him almost dead. **31** A priest happened to be going down that same road. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32** A Levite also came by. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side too. **33** But a Samaritan came to the place where the man was. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him. **34** He went to him, poured olive oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey.

He brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two silver coins. He gave them to the owner of the inn. 'Take care of him,' he said. 'When I return, I will pay you back for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?"

37 The authority on the law replied, "The one who felt sorry for him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do as he did."

Luke 11: 1- 4 Jesus Teaches About Prayer

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples spoke to him. "Lord," he said, "teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2 Jesus said to them, "When you pray, this is what you should say.

" 'Father,
may your name be honored.

May your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins,

as we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted.' "

Luke 13: 6-8 Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

6 Then Jesus told a story. “A man had a fig tree,” he said. “It was growing in his vineyard. When he went to look for fruit on it, he didn’t find any. **7** So he went to the man who took care of the vineyard. He said, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree. But I haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

8 “ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year. I’ll dig around it and feed it. **9** If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ”

Luke 13: 18-19 The Stories of the Mustard Seed

18 Then Jesus asked, “What is God’s kingdom like? What can I compare it to? **19** It is like a mustard seed. Someone took the seed and planted it in a garden. It grew and became a tree. The birds sat in its branches.”

Luke 14: 15- 24 The Story of the Great Feast

15 One of the people at the table with Jesus heard him say those things. So he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in God’s kingdom.”

16 Jesus replied, “A certain man was preparing a great banquet. He invited many guests. **17** Then the day of the banquet arrived. He sent his servant to those who had been invited. The servant told them, ‘Come. Everything is ready now.’

18 “But they all had the same idea. They began to make excuses. The first one said, ‘I have just bought a field. I have to go and see it. Please excuse me.’

19 “Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen. I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

20 “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry. He ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the town. Bring in those who are poor. Also bring those who can’t see or walk.’

22 “ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done. But there is still room.’

23 “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads. Go out to the country lanes. Make the people come in. I want my house to be full. **24** I tell you, not one of those people who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’ ”

Luke 15: 3- 7 The Story of the Lost Sheep

3 Then Jesus told them a story. **4** He said, “Suppose one of you has 100 sheep and loses one of them. Won’t he leave the 99 in the open country? Won’t he go and look for the one lost sheep until he finds it? **5** When he finds it, he will joyfully put it on his shoulders **6** and go home. Then he will call his friends and neighbors together. He will say, ‘Be joyful with me. I have found my lost sheep.’ **7** I tell you, it will be the same in heaven. There will be great joy when one sinner turns away from sin. Yes, there will be more joy than for 99 godly people who do not need to turn away from their sins.

Luke 15: 8 – 9 The Story of the Lost Coin

8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the house? Won’t she search carefully until she finds the coin? **9** And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors together. She will say, ‘Be joyful with me. I have found my lost coin.’ **10** I tell you, it is the same in heaven. There is joy in heaven over one sinner who turns away from sin.”

Luke 15: 11 – 32 The Story of the Lost Son

11 Jesus continued, “There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger son spoke to his father. He said, ‘Father, give me my share of the family property.’ So the father divided his property between his two sons.

13 “Not long after that, the younger son packed up all he had. Then he left for a country far away. There he wasted his money on wild living. **14** He spent everything he had. Then the whole country ran low on food. So the son didn’t have what he needed. **15** He went to work for someone who lived in that country. That person sent the son to the fields to feed the pigs. **16** The son wanted to fill his stomach with the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything.

17 “Then he began to think clearly again. He said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough food! But here I am dying from hunger! **18** I will get up and go back to my father. I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven. And I have sinned against you. **19** I am no longer fit to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ **20** So he got up and went to his father.

“While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him. He was filled with tender love for his son. He ran to him. He threw his arms around him and kissed him.

21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.’”

22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** Bring the fattest calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. **24** This son of mine was dead. And now he is alive again. He was lost. And now he is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

25 “The older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** So he called one of the servants. He asked him what was going on. **27** ‘Your brother has come home,’ the servant replied. ‘Your father has killed the fattest calf. He has done this because your brother is back safe and sound.’

28 “The older brother became angry. He refused to go in. So his father went out and begged him. **29** But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve worked like a slave for you. I have always obeyed your orders. You never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **30** But this son of yours wasted your money with some prostitutes. Now he comes home. And for him you kill the fattest calf!’

31 “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me. Everything I have is yours. **32** But we had to celebrate and be glad. This brother of yours was dead. And now he is alive again. He was lost. And now he is found.’ ”

Luke 16: 1- 13 The Story of the Clever Manager

16 Jesus told his disciples another story. He said, “There was a rich man who had a manager. Some said that the manager was wasting what the rich man owned. **2** So the rich man told him to come in. He asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Tell me exactly how you have handled what I own. You can’t be my manager any longer.’

3 “The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig. And I’m too ashamed to beg. **4** I know what I’m going to do. I’ll do something so that when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

5 “So he called in each person who owed his master something. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

6 “ ‘I owe 900 gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill. Sit down quickly and change it to 450 gallons.’

7 “Then he asked the second one, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“ ‘I owe 1,000 bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill and change it to 800 bushels.’

8 “The manager had not been honest. But the master praised him for being clever. The people of this world are clever in dealing with those who are like themselves. They are more clever than God’s people.

9 I tell you, use the riches of this world to help others. In that way, you will make friends for yourselves. Then when your riches are gone, you will be welcomed into your eternal home in heaven.

10 “Suppose you can be trusted with something very little. Then you can also be trusted with something very large. But suppose you are not honest with something very little. Then you will also not be honest with something very large. **11** Suppose you have not been worthy of trust in handling worldly wealth. Then who will trust you with true riches? **12** Suppose you have not been worthy of trust in handling someone else’s property. Then who will give you property of your own?”

13 “No one can serve two masters at the same time. Either you will hate one of them and love the other. Or you will be faithful to one and dislike the other. You can’t serve God and money at the same time.”

Luke 17: 1- 6 Forgiveness and Faith

Jesus spoke to his disciples. “Things that make people sin are sure to come,” he said. “But how terrible it will be for anyone who causes those things to come! **2** Suppose people lead one of these little ones to sin. It would be better for those people to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck. **3** So watch what you do.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, tell them they are wrong. Then if they turn away from their sins, forgive them. **4** Suppose they sin against you seven times in one day. And suppose they come back to you each time and say, ‘I’m sorry.’ You must forgive them.”

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Give us more faith!”

6 He replied, “Suppose you have faith as small as a mustard seed. Then you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up. Be planted in the sea.’ And it will obey you.

Luke 18: 15- 17 Little Children Are Brought to Jesus

15 People were also bringing babies to Jesus. They wanted him to place his hands on the babies. When the disciples saw this, they told the people to stop. **16** But Jesus asked the children to come to him. “Let the little children come to me,” he said. “Don’t keep them away. God’s kingdom belongs to people like them. **17** What I’m about to tell you is true. Anyone who will not receive God’s kingdom like a little child will never enter it.”

Luke 18: 35 – 42 A Blind Beggar Receives His Sight

35 Jesus was approaching Jericho. A blind man was sitting by the side of the road begging. **36** The blind man heard the crowd going by. He asked what was happening. **37** They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”

38 So the blind man called out, “Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!”

39 Those who led the way commanded him to stop. They told him to be quiet. But he shouted even louder, “Son of David! Have mercy on me!”

40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When the man came near, Jesus spoke to him. **41** “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. “Lord, I want to be able to see,” the blind man replied.

42 Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you.” **43** Right away he could see. He followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

Luke 19: 11 – 26 The Story of Using Gifts Well

11 While the people were listening to these things, Jesus told them a story. He was near Jerusalem. The people thought that God’s kingdom was going to appear right away. **12** Jesus said, “A man from an important family went to a country far away. He went there to be made king and then return home. **13** So he sent for ten of his slaves. He gave them each about three months’ pay. ‘Put this money to work until I come back,’ he said.

14 “But those he ruled over hated him. They sent some messengers after him. They were sent to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’

15 “But he was made king and returned home. Then he sent for the slaves he had given the money to. He wanted to find out what they had earned with it.

16 “The first one came to him. He said, ‘Sir, your money has earned ten times as much.’

17 “ ‘You have done well, my good slave!’ his master replied. ‘You have been faithful in a very small matter. So I will put you in charge of ten towns.’

18 “The second slave came to his master. He said, ‘Sir, your money has earned five times as much.’

19 “His master answered, ‘I will put you in charge of five towns.’

20 “Then another slave came. He said, ‘Sir, here is your money. I have kept it hidden in a piece of cloth. **21** I was afraid of you. You are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in. You harvest what you did not plant.’

22 “His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you evil slave! So you knew that I am a hard man? You knew that I take out what I did not put in? You knew that I harvest what I did not plant? **23** Then why didn’t you put my money in the bank? When I came back, I could have collected it with interest.’

24 “Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his money away from him. Give it to the one who has ten times as much.’

25 “ ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten times as much!’

26 “He replied, ‘I tell you that everyone who has will be given more. But here is what will happen to anyone who has nothing. Even what they have will be taken away from them.

Luke 21: 1- 3 The Widow’s Offering

21 As Jesus looked up, he saw rich people putting their gifts into the temple offering boxes. **2** He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. **3** “What I’m about to tell you is true,” Jesus said. “That poor widow has put in more than all the others. **4** All these other people gave a lot because they are rich. But even though she is poor, she put in everything. She had nothing left to live on.”

Luke 22: 7-30 The Last Supper

7 Then the day of Unleavened Bread came. That was the time the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. **8** Jesus sent Peter and John on ahead. “Go,” he told them. “Prepare for us to eat the Passover meal.”

9 “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

10 Jesus replied, “When you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house he enters. **11** Then say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, “Where is the guest room? Where can I eat the Passover meal with my disciples?’” **12** He will show you a large upstairs room with furniture already in it. Prepare for us to eat there.”

13 Peter and John left. They found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover meal.

14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles took their places at the table. **15** He said to them, “I have really looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you. I wanted to do this before I suffer. **16** I tell you, I will not eat the Passover meal again until it is celebrated in God’s kingdom.”

17 After Jesus took the cup, he gave thanks. He said, “Take this cup and share it among yourselves. **18** I tell you, I will not drink wine with you again until God’s kingdom comes.”

19 Then Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to them and said, “This is my body. It is given for you. Every time you eat it, do this in memory of me.”

20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup. He said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. It is poured out for you. **21** But someone here is going to hand me over to my enemies. His hand is with mine on the table. **22** The Son of Man will go to his death, just as God has already decided. But how terrible it will be for the one who hands him over!” **23** The apostles began to ask one another about this. They wondered which one of them would do it.

24 They also started to argue. They disagreed about which of them was thought to be the most important person. **25** Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles hold power over their people. And those who order them around call themselves Protectors. **26** But you must not be like that. Instead, the most important among you should be like the youngest. The one who rules should be like the one who serves.

Luke 23: 26- 46 Jesus Is Nailed to a Cross

26 As the soldiers led Jesus away, they took hold of Simon.

Simon was from Cyrene. He was on his way in from the country. They put a wooden cross on his shoulders. Then they made him carry it behind Jesus. **27** A large number of

people followed Jesus. Some were women whose hearts were filled with sorrow. They cried loudly because of

him. **28** Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for

your children. **29** The time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the women who can’t have children! Blessed are those who never gave birth or nursed babies!’ **30** It is

written,

“ ‘The people will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”

They’ll say to the hills, “Cover us!” ’ (Hosea 10:8)

31 People do these things when trees are green. So what will happen when trees are dry?”

32 Two other men were also led out with Jesus to be killed.

Both of them had broken the law. **33** The soldiers brought them to the place called the Skull. There they nailed Jesus

to the cross. He hung between the two criminals. One was on his right and one was on his left. **34** Jesus said, “Father,

forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.” The soldiers divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood there watching. The rulers even made fun of Jesus. They said, “He saved others. Let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers also came up and poked fun at him. They offered him wine vinegar. **37** They said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38 A written sign had been placed above him. It read,

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 One of the criminals hanging there made fun of Jesus. He said, “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself! Save us!”

40 But the other criminal scolded him. “Don’t you have any respect for God?” he said. “Remember, you are under the same sentence of death. **41** We are being punished fairly. We are getting just what our actions call for. But this man hasn’t done anything wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43 Jesus answered him, “What I’m about to tell you is true. Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Jesus Dies

44 It was now about noon. Then darkness covered the whole land until three o’clock. **45** The sun had stopped shining. The temple curtain was torn in two. **46** Jesus called out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my life.” After he said this, he took his last breath.

Luke 24: 1-12 Jesus Rises From the Dead

1 It was very early in the morning on the first day of the week. The women took the spices they had prepared. Then they went to the tomb. **2** They found the stone rolled away from it. **3** When they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** They were wondering about this. Suddenly two men in clothes as bright as lightning stood beside them. **5** The women were terrified. They bowed down with their faces to the ground. Then the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** Jesus is not here! He has risen! Remember how he told you he would rise. It was while he was still with you in Galilee. **7** He said, ‘The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people. He must be nailed to a cross. On the third day he will rise from the dead.’” **8** Then the women remembered Jesus’ words.

9 They came back from the tomb. They told all these things to the 11 apostles and to all the others. **10** Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them were the ones who told the apostles. **11** But the apostles did not believe the women. Their words didn’t make any sense to them. **12** But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He bent over and saw the strips of linen lying by themselves. Then he went away, wondering what had happened.

Luke 24: 35 – 49 Jesus Appears to the Disciples

36 The disciples were still talking about this when Jesus himself suddenly stood among them. He said, “May you have peace!”

37 They were surprised and terrified. They thought they were seeing a ghost. **38** Jesus said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do you have doubts in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see. A ghost does not have a body or bones. But you can see that I do.”

40 After he said that, he showed them his hands and feet. **41** But they still did not believe it. They were amazed and filled with joy. So Jesus asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” **42** They gave him a piece of cooked fish. **43** He took it and ate it in front of them.

44 Jesus said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you. Everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms must come true.”

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, “This is what is written. The Messiah will suffer. He will rise from the dead on the third day. **47** His followers will preach in his name. They will tell others to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. People from every nation will hear it, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You have seen these things with your own eyes. **49** I am going to send you what my Father has promised. But for now, stay in the city. Stay there until you have received power from heaven.”

Luke 24: 50 – 53 Jesus Is Taken Up Into Heaven

50 Jesus led his disciples out to the area near Bethany. Then he lifted up his hands and blessed them. **51** While he was blessing them, he left them. He was taken up into heaven. **52** Then they worshiped him. With great joy, they returned to Jerusalem. **53** Every day they went to the temple, praising God.