

Matthew 1.

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Since Father Abraham King David's is the fourteenth generation
Fourteen more were there from David to exile of our entire nation,
Since times of Babylon Jesus came in the fourteenth generation.

This is the story of how Jesus Christ came to BE born on Earth,
Many things happened before the divine child was ready for birth!
Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus, one DAY realized
Mary was pregnant, of which by the Spirit she HAD been apprised,
But Joseph knew not that IT was God's Spirit that started the babe,
So their engagement to break without fuss in great secret he made.
But in a dream one of God's holy angels him did so inform
That it was God's Holy Spirit who started the babe to be born
This news assured him that IT was God's Will for him Mary to marry
So then he did so as there was no cause any longer to tarry.
Also he'd call the Son Jesus, who would save the world from their sins
So with the birth of this child a new epoch for Mankind begins!

Matthew 2.

Bethlehem was where Lord Jesus was born during King Herod's reign
Three men who'd studied the stars had come West for the knowledge to gain
Of where the babe had been born who was destined to be King of Jews,
They had been tracing His star from the East, so they wanted some clues.
When the King Herod had heard about this, he was very upset,
So he convened the chief priests and then with them he hurriedly met.
Herod then asked them the question: "Where will the messiah be born?"
"Bethlehem will be the place this event will in future adorn!"
Answered the chief priests as this is what prophets have handed them down:
"Bethlehem, you are by no means the least of the cities of Judah,
From you will come one who'll guide my own people as Israel's Leader!"
Herod then called the three men from the East to a most secret meeting,
Finding out from them the time that their star it had started appearing.
He then did send them to Bethlehem with these precise indications:
"Go and make careful a search for the child and then do let me know,
Where He is found so that with my own worship to Him I could go!"

And so they left and again the same star, their old guide from the East,
 Guided them still on their way; they felt strong and not tired in the least!
 Their guiding star, it did finally stop shining over the place
 Where the child was with His mother and Joseph, all smiling with grace!
 They then knelt down and they worshipped the child, laying down precious gold
 And frankincense and some myrrh as prescribed by the customs of old!
 Then they returned to their country by different ways since the Lord
 Warned them of Herod's intentions concerning the babe they'd adored.
 Soon after they had departed, an angel appeared in a dream
 TO Joseph WHO told him: "You must not LET here this CHILD to be seen,
 Herod is seeking to kill Him, so get up and take Him and Mary
 Go and escape to far Egypt and on the long trip do be wary!
 Then stay in Egypt till I come again for to say you can leave!"
 Thus they departed at once as the angel's words they did believe
 They stayed in Egypt in peace until Herod, this bad king, had died.
 "I called my Son out of Egypt!" was what an old prophet had cried!

When Herod knew that the men from the East had so badly deceived him,
 He got so angry so thought of a new way of that babe to kill Him:
 He just gave orders to have all boys killed in and near Bethlehem
 Two years or younger they all had to die with no mercy for them!
 This did accord with that WHICH he had learned of the star's first appearance
 To Jeremiah's old prophecy therefore we can give clear credence:

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"A sound is heard in Ramah's town
 The bitter cries all sounds do drown,
 For children gone does Rachel cry,
 Comforted not, they had to die!"

After King Herod had died then to Joseph an angel appeared
 Who said to Joseph: "Now dead is King Herod whom you had so feared,
 So take the child and His mother and go to the land of the Jews"
 Israel-bound were they very soon after receiving this news.
 When Joseph heard Archeleus, the son of King Herod, was king
 He was afraid to return to Judea and his family bring,
 Yet more instructions were given to him about where they should be
 So they decided to go to fair Nazareth in Galilee,
 Thus it came true what the wise ancient prophets had aptly foreseen:
 That the Messiah, the Saviour, will also be called Nazarene.

Matthew 3.

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At that time John the Baptist, he came forth to preach
Full repentance for all, and hard hearts tried to breach
With the news of God's Kingdom that would be here soon,
Which for suffering souls would surpass every boon!
But this John was the man that Isaiah foretold
Who would cry in the wilds in a voice very bold:
"Do begin to prepare a new path for the Lord
So that those who do worship Him CAN come aboard!"

John wore just camel hair and a strong leather belt,
He ate locusts and honey when like eating he felt.
From Jerusalem, Jordan and country all round
People came to him where his strong voice he did sound,
They repented the evil, their sins they confessed
John baptized them in water and thus they were blessed!
When John saw Pharisees come to be thus baptized
They were soon of their sins in loud manner apprised:
"Oh! You snakes! How know you that God's ire you'll escape?
Turn away from your sins, so that you're kept in shape!
Just to say you are Abraham's sons will not do,
God could turn these few stones into Abraham's crew!
Now the axe is quite ready to fell trees by the root,
Every tree will be felled that does not bear good fruit;
It will then be cut up and thrown into the fire!
I with water baptize through submersion entire
For to show that at heart you do fully repent.
But the one after me whom the Lord will have sent
He with God's Holy Spirit and with fire will baptize!
Although I am the one who in wild places cries,
He's much greater than I, He descends from the skies!
I'm not worthy to carry His shoes, He's so wise!
With His winnowing shovel He'll thresh out all the grain,
Which He'll store in His barn that will keep out the rain,;
But the chaff He will burn in eternal great fire,
If you do not repent: retribution is dire!

Jesus came to the Jordan where John did baptize
So that John would baptize Him (He'd heard his wild cries!)
But when John saw Him, he did object and he said:
"It is YOU should be baptizing ME here instead!"
And then Jesus replied: "Let it be as I say!
In this way we shall IN proper righteousness stay!"
John consented and as Jesus left the fast stream
Then the heavens were opened, the clouds were agleam.
And the Spirit came down in the shape of a dove
And a voice could be heard from the heavens above:
"It is He, my own Son, that I do truly love
With whom I am so pleased and I AM so fond of!"

Matthew 4.

Then the Spirit led Jesus deep into the wild,
Where the evil one waited to get Him beguiled!
After forty days' fasting much hunger He felt
Satan thought that His strength to resist now could melt!
To Lord Jesus he said: "If thou be Son of God,
Thou couldst turn every stone into bread with a nod!"
"It's not true that a man can live by bread alone
He lives more by the words that the Lord God has sown!"
Replied Jesus to Satan in His wise retort.
To the Temple now Satan did Jesus escort
Placing Him at the top of the temple so high
Where another temptation for Jesus he'd try:
"You could throw yourself down from this very high point
Because you with the angels are closely conjoint,
They will bear you down softly without any hurt
So not even your feet would be hurt in the dirt!"
It's what Satan from Scriptures to quote he did try,
But with words so much stronger did Jesus reply:
"It is written: Do not put your Lord to the test!"
But then Satan, thus beaten, tried one other quest:
So he took Jesus up on a high mountain peak
From which all the world's lands could be seen at one streak:
Then to Jesus he said: "All these lands you can see
They are yours if you kneel down and thus worship me!"
Jesus answered to Satan: "You must go away!
It is written: to God only in worship pray!"
So then Jesus pushed Satan right out of His way!

So when Jesus heard John had been taken to jail
He to Galilee then sadly took up the trail.
Out of Nazareth He to Caperneum went
To live there, by the Lake Galilee, His intent,
Which is called after Naphtali and Zebulun.
To make true what Isaiah had foretold upon:
"Lands of Naphtali and Zebulun on the way
'Cross the Jordan to Lake Galilee point the way.
It's the land of the Gentiles who live in the dark
They will see a great light as a great holy spark
Then on those who still live in the dark land of death
Light will shine so to give them a life-giving breath"
From here on Jesus preached: "From your sins turn away!
As the Kingdom of God is now well on its way!"

Jesus, walking along by the Lake Galilee
There two fishers with nets on the shore He could see.
One of them was called Simon and Andrew his brother,
With the fish in the nets they would help one another.
Jesus said: "Come with me and I'll teach you to fish
For to catch real people as much as you wish!"
Then at once the two bothers, they left their full nets
And they followed Lord Jesus to start on their treks!
Further on in a boat He saw two other brothers
He did speak to them as He still needed some others
They were Zebedee's sons, John and his brother James,
In their boat they were busy with their fishing games.
He said: "Come!" and both brothers at once came ashore
And they went with Lord Jesus and so fished no more!

Jesus went all around Galilee for to teach
Of the news of the Kingdom that they could all reach!
And He healed many folks who were struck with disease
Many were so amazed that He healed with such ease!
He expelled many demons from ones so possessed,
Paralytics and such like he gave them all rest!

Matthew 5.

Jesus saw the big crowd so He went up the hill
And then sat down to teach them about the Lord's Will:

Those who know that they are in the Spirit so poor
Will be happy as Heaven will open its door!
Happy will be all those who in sadness do mourn,
Because God with His comfort their souls will adorn!
And the humble at last will be happy indeed
They'll receive as the Lord in His word has agreed.
Those whose greatest desire is to do the Lord's Will
Will be happy as THEIR hearts God WITH peace will fill.
Happy will be those who do show mercy to others
As then God will show mercy to them as to brothers.
Happy will be the ones who are pure in their hearts
As a way to see Him the Lord to them imparts.
Those whose work is for peace will be happy indeed
God will call them His children and thus they'll be freed.
If you are persecuted you happy will be
Because then you are as the Lord wants you to be.
And the Kingdom of heaven is where you'll then be!
You must not ever care that the people insult you
And tell all kinds of evil about and against you
Because YOU have decided that you'll follow me,
Your reward up in heaven is great, you will see,
Many prophets before you have had the same fate,
Persecuted they were, but we know they were great!

"You are like some good salt, for the whole of mankind
But then if in the salt we no saltiness find
There is no way the saltiness can be restored
So we throw it away with each one in accord!

You are like a bright light for the world as a whole;
A large town on a hill can't be hid in a hole!
No one lights a good lamp to place under a bowl,
On a lamp-stand up high will be its proper role
So you don't have to look for it through a keyhole!
In the same way your light for all people must shine
So they'll see the good things that you do as a sign!

"Do not think that I've come to strike down Moses' Law,
In the prophets' great wisdom I don't find a flaw.
I have come to make sure that their teachings come true
So that all learn their meanings not only a few.
Do remember that while earth and heaven still last
Not the slightest of change in the Law can be cast
So that he who ignores the Law's smallest commands
Or who teaches some others to slight its demands
Will be least in the Kingdom of heaven above.
But then those who obey Moses' law with much love
Also those who teach others to do as they do
Will be great in the Kingdom as they'll have been true.
You must be much more faithful than some Pharisees
Or the teachers of Law that around us one sees,
If you wish to be part of the Kingdom of God,
Do make sure that it is God's own path that you've trod!"

You have heard in the past: You'll no murder commit
As the people who do go to trial for it!
But I tell you now: If you are angry with one
At the trial you'll face then you will be undone!
To say "You good-for-nothing" is crime in the Council
So that fear of hell-fire for such I would counsel.
If you call your own brother as some worthless fool
You are ripe for Gehenna and are Satan's tool!
If you're going to offer a gift at God's altar
Surely IF you've been cross, you your spirit must alter!
Do return to your brother to solve the dispute,
Don't return to the temple till you've found its root!
And if someone does sue you and takes you to court
It is good to avoid being brought down to naught
You should settle the matter instead out of court
As a judgment in court might with danger be fraught
As the judge might decide for to send you to jail
Till you've paid all your debt to the last small detail!

You have heard that adultery does break the law
But then I to your soul your attention will draw:
If a woman your soul in truth wants to possess
And your heart to adulterous thoughts she does press,
You've committed adultery thus in your heart:
From your soul let such thoughts then for ever depart!
If your right eye does cause you to sin, take it out!
If it cause you to sin, you are better without!

It is better to lose of your body a part
Than to languish in hell and destroy your own heart!
If your right hand should cause you to sink into sin
Better throw it away and so keep peace within
As to lose just one limb' s not as bad, I can tell
As to lose your whole self and be thrown into hell!

It was said that if you want your wife to divorce
Just write HER a brief note as a matter of course.
But if after divorce you do marry again
You commit an adultery, women or men!

You have heard of the law: "Any promise, don't break,
If you've vowed to the Lord that a course you will take,
You must do what you've said, with no stumble or quake"
But I say in a promise you must never swear,
Not by Heaven as then the Lord God you would dare!
Not by Earth, as God's feet, they are resting down there!
Then Jerusalem's OUT, the town OF the great King
Do not swear by your head as you CAN never bring
Even one single hair to turn black or else white
If you only say 'Yes' or else 'No', you'll be right,
If you do any other, you with Satan fight!

You know: "Tooth for a tooth and an eye for an eye"
But I say 'no revenge' ought to be the new cry.
If one slaps you on one cheek then offer him one
On the other side too and thus peace will be won.
If one takes you to court to sue you for your shirt
Then your coat you should offer him SO there's no hurt!
If a soldier constrains you to carry his pack
For a mile on his road right along a hard track,
You should offer to carry his pack for two miles
And your meeting will end in much friendship and smiles.
And if someone asks you for some things that are yours,
You must give them, and you will have opened some doors!
If he says that he needs something from you to borrow,
Then just lend it at once and don't wait for the morrow.

With our friends we all must loving friendship create
But our enemies WE are told THAT we must hate!
But I tell you that YOUR enemies you should love
You should pray for the grace of the Lord from above
To touch those who have hurt you, and offer them love!

For the Lord makes sun shine on the bad and the good
Evil doers and good, each get rain to grow food!
Those who love you, to love, is no feat very hard,
Tax collectors and sinners are also that smart!
It is not very smart just to speak with your friends,
Even pagans agree with such obvious trends!
You must try to be perfect in all that you do,
As your Father in heaven is perfect and true!

Matthew 6.

The religious observances that you perform
Don't observe them in public as this won't conform
To the way God would like to be offered your gift
So instead of reward which to God gives you lift
Rather TO self-conceit in your mind you may drift!
Also when you give something that's yours to the poor
You must try not to do so by taking the floor
As the hypocrites do with big alms in the street
Or in places of worship where so many meet,
Since the hypocrites do this to get people's praise,
They already have been fully paid for these days!
When you needy folk help, do it in such a way
That your friends do not know what you're giving away.
But your Father in heaven will see what you do,
Your reward, through His wisdom, will surely come true!

When you pray do not do what the hypocrites do
Who stand up in the Temple for outdoing you,
They want you to observe them, it's just to impress,
As they pray in the synagogue in their long dress!
I assure you that such, they have BEEN fully paid,
By the people who saw them in their pray-parade!
When you pray, be alone in your room, close the door,
Thus your Father unseen by yourself do adore!
And your Father who sees what you do all alone
Will reward you for prayers that you thus intone!
When you pray, do not use any meaningless words
As the pagans who think that their Gods hear long words
Do not be like the pagans as God surely knows
Well before you have told Him of YOUR needs and woes!
I will show you right now just the way you can pray,
Know that these are the words that to God you can say:

May your name be all hallowed, Oh heavenly King
May your Kingdom come soon that you surely will bring,
May your WILL be accomplished in heaven and earth
Grant us OUR daily bread which we hope we are worth
Do forgive us though WE owe you so many debts,
We forgive any wrong doing that us upsets,
Also US from temptation we ask you to guard
And we pray that from evil you WILL have us barred!

By forgiving the others who HAVE done you wrong,
Forgiveness by God to you will not be long!
But if YOU don't forgive those who wronged against you
Then you won't be forgiven by God! It is true!

When you fast do not put on a sad, tired face
As the hypocrites do who on looks do all base!
They neglect their appearance so that everyone sees
That they fast and they languish in unhappy peace
I assure you that they have been paid for their piece!
When you fast wash your face, comb your hair very well
So the fact of your fasting then no one can tell!
But your Father will know, though remaining unseen,
He'll reward you because He knows where you have been!

Do not store up the riches down here on this Earth
Which are stolen by robbers of which there's no dearth
But the riches for heaven for ever will shine
As there robbers don't come and declare: "This is mine!"
For your heart is where your precious riches you've placed,
I know heavenly riches your soul will have graced!

Your two eyes for your body will act like a lamp
If they're sound, they on everything brightness will stamp,
If your eyes are no good, you will stay in the dark,
With dark eyes, all you see that's around you is stark!

I say: You to two masters can never be slave
You will want one of them to descend to the grave,
While the other you'll love since you think he's so brave!
You can never serve God and the money together:
Because money will keep you from God on its tether!

Do not worry about all your food or your drink
Of the clothes for your body you don't need to think,
Is life not worth much more than the food that you eat?
And the clothes with which you with each other compete
Are they worth more to you than your body and feet?
Do just look at the birds that are flying around
They do not with much labour sow seeds in the ground
They don't harvest their crops,, they don't store them in barns
They just chirp to each other their musical yarns,
Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them all!
Can you lengthen your life if you worry at all?

And then why do you worry what clothing you wear?
Why not look at the flowers that grow everywhere?
They don't work or make clothes for themselves in the least
But King Solomon, when he dressed up for a feast
Could not BE dressed so finely as just one of these,
Which your Father adorns so us here He can please!
It is God who does clothe the wild grass of the field,
Which today to some sheep a good meal it can yield
But tomorrow when dry in the oven is thrown,
Do you think that your needs to the Lord are unknown?
You should not think about where to get all your food
Or your drink or your clothes or all other things good!
It's the pagans that are most concerned with these things
Any rich fancy raiment is worry for kings!
But your Father in heaven He knows what you need,
So the Kingdom of God should direct each your deed.
If you do what the Lord does require you to do,
Then the Lord will provide all requirements for you!
Do not worry about what will happen next day
There'll be troubles enough that you'll meet on your way
And to fret will ensure that you'll add to the fray!

Matthew 7.

Do not judge other people if you judgment fear
God will judge you the same as you judge your own peer!
In the judgment of others the rules you apply
Will be used by the Lord when your guilt he will try.
In the eye of your bothers you notice a speck,
And yet in your own eye a log you don't detect!
If you paid more attention to what's in your own,

You could help with his speck and then leave him alone!
Strangely how can you think of the speck in his eye
When to take a big log from your eye you don't try?
So if you did remove the big log from your eye,
Then your sight would improve, so his speck you could pry.

Do not give what is holy to dogs as they'll turn
To attack and so none any profit will earn.
Do not throw your fine pearls to the swine in the sty,
Because trampling on them will be all that they'll try!

If you ask, you'll receive; if you seek, you will find,
If you knock, doors will open to show someone kind.
For all those who do ask, in the end will receive,
And all those who do seek, in the end will retrieve
And the person who persistently, urgently knocks
In the end he will find that the doors have no locks!
If your son asks for bread, would you give him a stone?
If he asks for some fish, could a snake then be thrown?
Even if you are bad, you give children what's good,
How much more will your Father, who's well understood
All your needs, so grants YOU all the things that are good?
Do to others how you would be done to by them,
It is Moses who left us this law! What a gem!

Through the narrow gate go if you want to be well,
Though the wide gate is easy, but leads straight to hell!
It is many who travel the wide easy road
It's so clear you don't need to decipher a code!
But the gate to new living is narrow indeed
There are not many find it, who do they'll be freed.

On your guard you must be against any false prophets,
All disguised in the clothing of sheep or of rabbits,
But inside they are more like the wolves of the wild
You can tell who they are and you won't be beguiled
By the number of bad things that they'll have compiled!
For a thorn bush will never bear even one grape,
And a wild briar never a fig it can make!
Healthy trees bear good fruit but a poor one does not,
Healthy trees bearing bad fruit they surely cannot
But the fruit from a poor tree is just a bad lot!
Any tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down,
So you'll know the false prophets by THEIR ill renown!

I say not every one who calls me "Lord, Oh Lord!"
 In the Kingdom of God with me 'll come aboard!
 Only those whom the Heavenly Father directs
 Are the ones whom the Father for heaven elects.
 When the judgment day comes, there'll be many who'll say:
 "Lord oh Lord! Your true message we spread in your name,
 Healed the sick, drove out demons from all those who came!
 Then I'll say to them: "I've never known you at all!
 Go away, because what you deserve is your fall!"

Anyone who hears ME and obeys what I say
 He is like someone WHO builds his house in a way
 To be firm, built on rock, there for ever to stay,
 Standing up to the storms and the floods, come what may!
 Those who hear these my words but have other things planned
 Are like people so foolish, they build on soft sand;
 During floods and wild storms such a house will not stand,
 In big winds it will fall, even though it seemed grand!

When Lord Jesus, at last, He did end His discourse
 Those who heard Him were struck how he spoke with such force,
 Because Jesus did not teach as teachers of Law
 His authority shone through, which was the big draw!

Matthew 8.

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When Jesus came down the hill then a big crowd came following after,
 Some were discussing His words, yet some were just relaxing in laughter.
 There was a man who was suffering from a most dreaded disease
 Who came and asked Him: "Oh Lord, if You will, make me clean if you please!"
 Jesus stretched out His hand and He touched him and gently He said:
 "I want to heal you! Be clean!", as He touched him all over his head.
 Instantly then he was healed of the dreaded disease that he feared,
 Jesus said: "Listen! But please tell no ONE but now THAT you are cleared,
 Go to the priest who'll examine you now for the proof you are healed
 And in the Temple you must sacrifice the best lamb from your field.

When Jesus entered the town, He met one soldier, who was so sad,
He had a servant who WAS down with sickness which was very bad.
He said to Jesus: "My servant is sick and is lying in bed,
Suffering pain and unable to move and his death I do dread!"
Jesus replied: "I will come to your house and make sure he gets well!"
"Please do not come!", he replied, "Give the order, the pains it will quell!"
"I don't deserve the great honour of your coming into my home!
I am a soldier who has to obey all the orders of Rome,
But there are others who are under me, if I tell them "You go!"
Then they'll go, OR if I tell one to come, then he comes, friend or foe!
Or if I order my slave to do this, he will surely do so!"
When Jesus heard this He was quite surprised and He said to the folk:
"I want to tell you I've not seen such faith coming just in one stroke
In Israel! I assure you they'll come from the West and the East
And sit with Jacob and Abraham at the great heavenly feast!
Those who should be in the Kingdom, they will be thrown into the darkness
Where they will cry, gnash their teeth and regret in their hearts their own hardness!"
Then Jesus said to the soldier: "Go home, and your wish, it is done!"
At the same moment the servant was healed and a new life begun!

When Peter's mother-in-law had the fever and Jesus, He entered their home,
She had high fever but AS Jesus touched her when they were alone
All the high fever then instantly left her and she did arise
AND then she started to wait on Lord Jesus, as one great surprise!
People then brought in those WHO were possessed by some demons infernal,
These evil spirits Lord Jesus drove out using His strength eternal!
And He healed all the sick people who came by His laying on hands,
He who knows well the great prophet Isaiah, he sure understands:
"He took away all our sickness and carried away our disease"
All these miraculous healings Lord Jesus performed them with ease.

When Jesus noticed the crowd all around Him, He said to His friends:
"Let us sail to the far SHORE now while WIND opportunity lends"
There was one teacher of Law who did meet Him and to Him he said:
"I am all ready to go with you, your road I'm anxious to tread!"
Jesus replied: "Any fox has a hole and each bird has a nest,
I have no place to lie down or to lay my head down for a rest!"
"I'll go with YOU", said another, but first I must bury my father!"
"Follow me!", Jesus said, thinking of what this man would have done rather,
"Let the dead bury their own dead, since anyhow they'll get no farther!"

Jesus then boarded the boat, His disciples went with Him to sail.
Soon a big storm hit the lake and the wind through the rigging did wail!
There was a danger the boat might be sinking, but Jesus was sleeping,
They woke Him up and cried: "Oh, Jesus, save us or we'll all be dying!"
"Why are you frightened?" thus spoke the Lord Jesus, "Of faith have you none?"
Then He arose and commanded the storm: "That's enough you have done!"
Instantly there was great calm, the wind stopped and the waves, they died down.
They were all taken aback and said: "What kind of man that this is?"
At His command the waves stop and the storm, it becomes just a breeze!"

When Jesus came to Gadara, the opposite side of the lake,
He met two persons who lived in some caves, He was sad for their sake,
They were possessed by some powerful demons, which made them quite wild,
They were so savage that no one would dare on that road to come by;
They started screaming: "Oh, what do you want with us, You Son of God!
Have you come here for to punish us for the paths that we have trod?"
Not far away was a herd of fine pigs which together were feeding,
So then the demons begged Jesus: "If you to expel us are needing
Send us to that herd of pigs, there are just enough pigs by our reading."
"Go!", Jesus said, so they left and went into the pigs at His orders.
Then the pigs rushed down the hill and their flight did not have any borders!
All of them rushed down the cliff and then into the lake where they drowned.
Those who had guarded the pigs ran away and for town they were bound,
Telling the people in town what had happened to demons and pigs.
All came from town to see Jesus who such dreadful demons could fix!

Matthew 9.

Jesus got IN to the boat and they sailed back to His own home town;
There people brought Him a paralyzed man who looked ill and run down.
When Jesus saw how much faith they all had, He did say to the man:
"Courage, my son! Since your sins are forgiven, new life you must plan!"
There were some teachers of Law who were shocked at what Jesus had said:
"This man's blaspheming, the punishment FOR it is: He should be dead!"
Jesus perceived where their thinking was drifting and spoke to them so:
"Why are you thinking these things in your hearts that are evil and low?
Is it not easier to say that from now on your sins are forgiven
Or to say: 'Get up and walk, for which all your life you could have striven?'
I will then prove to you I have authority for sins' forgiveness!"
So He said to the poor man paralyzed in a voice full of kindness:
"Now get up! Pick up your bed and go home, as from now you are healed!"
So thereupon he got up and went home and did work in his field!

When Jesus HAD come away from that place, striding out on the road,
Soon a collector of taxes He saw working IN his abode.
Jesus called out to him: "Follow me, Matthew!" and Matthew did follow
(Later he looked back on his quick decision as something to hallow!).
Matthew invited Lord Jesus to dinner with some of his friends,
Who were collectors or outcasts who followed some dubious trends!
Some Pharisees, when they saw this, they Jesus' s friends then did ask:
"How can your Teacher thus mix with such people, each one an outcast?"
When Jesus heard them, then using the simplest of logic He said:
"Doctors are needed by those who are sick and so languish in bed;
Go and find out what was meant by the following scripture which said:
'Kindness is what I most want, not some animal for sacrifice!
I have not come for respectable people, must I tell you thrice?
Helping the outcasts is more in my line, so thus let it suffice!"

Followers OF John the Baptist once came to Lord Jesus thus asking:
"We and the Pharisees fast, but how IS it that you don't go fasting?"
Jesus replied: "Should the guests at a wedding reception be sad
While the bridegroom is still with them, or should they be glad?
Naturally, they should be glad right until the bridegroom goes away,
Then they'll be sad, from then ON their own fasting to start well they may!

"I say that no one will patch an old cot with a piece of new cloth,
For the new patch, it will shrink and a hole will result from your sloth!
Nor would you pour the new wine into wine-skins that are getting old,
As very often the skin would then burst and the wine would not hold.
So the new wine is poured into new skins so that both are preserved
Through such good management you'll have results that you will have deserved."
While Jesus said the above, an official came there begging Him:
"My daughter's died, but I know if you place your own hand on her limb,
She'll live again through the power of God that your hand can so wield!"
Jesus got up and He went with the man who his child wanted healed.
There was a woman who'd suffered from bleeding for more than twelve years,
"If I can just touch His coat I'll get well" said she while shedding tears.
She got behind Jesus and touched His coat which made Jesus turn round.
"Courage, my daughter! Your sickness is healed through the faith you have found!"
Jesus had spoken, the woman was healed, much amazement all round!
To the official's house Jesus then went for to see the dead daughter
Then there among preparations for funeral, Jesus, He sought her.
When He had found her in midst of the chaos then loudly He said:
"Get out you people! For this child is sleeping, I say she's not dead!"
People just laughed at Lord Jesus, but when He had sent all away,
He put the child's hands in His, to His Father He loudly did pray
Then the young girl did arise and so thus death had been kept at bay!

There were two men who were following Jesus and both were quite blind;
"Oh, Son of David!", they shouted, "Take pity on such as our kind!"
Jesus said: "Do you believe that the blindness in you I can heal?"
"Yes, Sir!", they answered, as faith in their healing they truly did feel.
Then Jesus touched both their eyes and said "Let it be as you believe!"
Instantly then it did happen, their sight both these men did retrieve!
Jesus spoke sternly to them saying: "This to no ONE you should tell!"
But they did still spread the news of the marvelous way they got well!

Some people brought to Lord Jesus a man who was dumb and possessed.
When Jesus drove out the demon, he talked and so he was much blessed.
And all the people who saw this were greatly amazed at the sight,
Only the Pharisees thought it was Satan who gave Him this might!
Jesus went round teaching in all the towns and the villages too,
Teaching in synagogues of the Lord's Kingdom which would soon come true.
He also healed people with every kind of disease that afflicted
So many folks, by His miracles He them from suffering lifted.
As Jesus saw the big crowds, His kind heart with great pity had filled,
They seemed so worried and helpless, with solace they had to be stilled!
They were like sheep who had strayed from their shepherd and so were quite lost
Jesus spoke to His disciples suggesting what straying had cost:
"See how the harvest is large, but the reapers to reap it are few!
Pray to the Owner that He will send workers for work that's to do!"

Matthew 10.

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Jesus called His disciples together and said:
"You shall drive out bad spirits and raise up the dead,
You shall heal all the sick, make them healthy instead!"
Twelve disciples of His as apostles He named,
Whom He wished from the Lord's ways should never have strayed!

First came Simon (called Peter), then James and then John,
Zebedee's two good sons that He next picked upon,
Then came Philip and Andrew and Thomas and James,
Then Thaddaeus, then patriot Simon were names
That He chose, not to mention good Bartholomew
And the writer of these lines whose name was Matthew
For the twelfth one He chose one with Judas by name,
As we now know, he later a traitor became.

These twelve men were sent out by Lord Jesus who said
Warning them not to care how and where they would be fed:

 "Do not go to Samaritan or Gentile towns
 But look after the lost in these green rolling downs!
 Go and preach that the Kingdom of heaven is near,
Heal the sick, raise the dead and your pains do not spare!
 Drive out demons and heal the most dread skin disease,
You've received without pay, so likewise you must please!
 Do not take any cash, be it silver or gold,
 When you go, do not try beggars' bags to unfold!
 Do not take extra shirts, or your stick or your shoes,
 You will be compensated for all of your moves!
 When you come to a town, look for welcoming doors,
And then stay in one place till you've done all your chores.
 When you go to a house, say: 'Let peace be with you!'
 If the folk in the house do indeed welcome you,
 Let your greeting of peace thus remain with them all,
 If they welcome you not, if it thus does befall,
Then your greeting of peace to yourselves should return.
 If in some town to welcome you they do not learn ,
Leave that place and indeed shake the dust off your feet,
On the day of Last Judgment they'll recall this their deed
 As God will show more mercy to Gomorrah's bad folk
 Than to those who to you no great love did invoke"

 "I am sending you out just like sheep among wolves,
 Do be cautious as snakes and as gentle as doves!
There'll be those who'll arrest you and take you to court
 And then try you and whip you in their synagogue!
 For my sake you'll be taken and tried before kings,
You should still try to teach them new heavenly things!
 When they bring you to trial, do not think what to say,
 You'll be given the words in the Holy Ghost's way.
 So the words you will speak will not be quite your own
By God's Spirit the way you should speak will be shown!"

 Some men will then hand over their brothers to die,
 And some cruel bad fathers will let their sons cry,
Since they'll make their own children to go to their death
 Sons will send fathers to breathe their last breath!
 All the people will hate you since you've followed me
 But whoever holds on will be saved and be free!
 If you meet persecution in one town then go

To 'nother town where you'll meet much less woe!
I assure you that you won't have worn out your lungs
In the towns round about ere the Son of Man comes!

The disciple is not more than he who does teach,
Nor the slave the high rank of his lord can he reach,
It's enough for disciples like masters to be,
For the servant to shine, let his lord be the key.
In a house if the master is Satan himself,
Then the servants go BY Satan's books on the shelf!
Fear them not, as the secrets will all be revealed,
Because all will be known, even if once concealed.
What I say in the dark, you must speak in the light,
What you hear in one ear, speak it with all your might!
Fear not those who will try just your body to kill,
They can NOT kill your soul, while their act they fulfill!
Rather fear him who CAN kill your body and soul,
Do not let him pursue his destructive old role!

Are not TWO sparrows sold for a penny or so?
Yet your Father knows well if just one is laid low!
All the strands of your hair on your head, they are counted,
So fear not! You're worth more than two sparrows when routed!
Whosoever, there FORE shall confess me down here,
I'll confess him before heaven's Father up there!

Think ye not that I've come to bring peace to the Earth,
But a sword for to show what your faith can be worth!
So I WILL set at variance father and son,
Also mother and daughter when all said and done!
So a MAN'S foes will BE those who live in his home
As much variance IN the home will have been sown!
If you DO love your parents more THAN you love me,
Then in no way can YOU thus my follower be!
If you DO love your children more THAN you love me,
Then in no way can YOU thus my follower be!
If you don't ever take up your own cross for me,
Then in no way can YOU thus my follower be!
He who finds his own life, this same life he will lose,
He who loses his life for my sake, will infuse
His own LIFE and the next with such heavenly hues!

Who receives you will likewise myself then receive,
Thus receiving the Father in Whom you believe.

Who receives any prophet in HIS name today,
 Will receive the reward of a prophet, some day.
 Who receives someone righteous for righteousness' sake
 Will receive the reward that the righteous do take.
 Whosoever to one of these little ones gives
 A good drink of cold water, to MAKE sure he lives,
 If he acts in the name of a disciple of God,
 In no way shall he lose his deserved just reward.

Matthew 11.

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John, when he heard in his prison what marvels Lord Jesus was doing
 He sent disciples to Jesus to ask of His actions the meaning:
 "Are you the one who's been promised to come or will THERE be another?"
 Jesus replied: "Go and tell what you see as you'd tell your own brother,
 Blind people see and the lame can now walk and the lepers corrected,
 Deaf people hear and the dead walk again as they are resurrected
 Also the Kingdom of God is now shown to the poor and dejected.
 Happy are those amongst you who about Me all doubts have rejected."
 As John's disciples were leaving Lord Jesus these words did select:
 "When you went out to see John in the desert what did you expect?
 Was it just one blade of grass that was bending as wind blew it hard?
 Or perhaps did someone dressed in fine clothes your attention retard?
 People who wear fancy clothes more often in palaces dwell,
 Was it a prophet you wanted to see, or can you not tell?
 Truly I tell you, you did see a prophet and very much more
 John is the one of whom Scripture has said he will open the door
 For the good work the Messiah will do when the way is prepared.
 I do assure you that John is much greater than any who've feared
 God in high heaven, but he who is least in the Kingdom is greater
 THAN John the Baptist or those who have been or who will come much later
 Right from the days of the Baptist till now has the Kingdom advanced
 For all the prophets and men of the Law towards John they have glanced
 If this to know you'll accept then you'll know he's Elijah who's come,
 Let all the people hear this who have ears that are sharp and not numb!"
 Let me now say to what I can compare this our new generation:
 They are like children who cry in the streets with much show of emotion:
 We played the flute for you but you ignored us and so did not dance,
 We sang a dirge but you never did mourn so the scene to enhance!

John, when he came without eating or drinking, you thought him possessed
 This Son of Man came on eating and drinking and He was assessed
 Here as a glutton, a drunkard, a friend of the tax-men and OF many sinners,
 Wisdom is proved by her actions, the wise they are always the winners!
 Jesus then started denouncing the cities in which He'd been working,
 As their inhabitants most of the time their repentance were shirking:
 "Woe to you, Korazin, woe to you all who inhabit Bethsaida!
 If all the wonders done there had been done in old Sidon and Tyre
 They'd long ago have repented while dressed in much sackcloth and ashes
 On Judgment day they'd fare better than you all in spite of their clashes!
 What about you Capernaum ? Will you be lifted up to the skies?
 No! You shall sink to the depths which is full of the most painful cries!
 If all the wonders that were done in you had been done in old Sodom,
 It would have stayed to this day, with its people so good, we could laud them!
 On Judgment Day you'll be worse off than those who did perish in Sodom!

Jesus said : "Praise to you Father for hiding these things from the learned
 But you revealed them to our little children whom thus you had blessed
 Everything has been committed to me by my heavenly Father
 Nobody here who can know His one Son but the heavenly Father,
 Only the Son and the people He chooses can know the great Father!
 Come to me all you who're weary and burdened and I'll give you rest!
 Taking my yoke on yourselves you'll be learning and you will be blest!
 For I am gentle and humble in heart, which means peace for your souls,
 My yoke is easy and my burden's light, thus you'll reach all your goals!"

Matthew 12.

One day of Sabbath Lord Jesus was walking in big fields of corn,
 With His disciples who faithfully followed, being glad they'd been born!
 But they were hungry and started to pick the good ripening ears,
 These tasted good so they started to eat them without any fears.
 Some Pharisees when they saw this they said: "You know well it's unlawful
 To eat the corn on the day of the Sabbath yet they have a handful!"
 Jesus then answered: "Have you never read how King David behaved?
 He and his friends became hungry while near to the Temple they stayed,
 Into the Temple they went where they had consecrated some bread
 He and his friends took the bread and they ate it without any dread
 This was against all the rules as the bread was reserved for the priest,
 When they had eaten the bread do you think they felt guilt in the least?
 Do you not know that the priests on the Sabbath, they do desecrate,
 Yet they are guiltless and innocent stay as the Law does dictate!
 I tell you now that one greater than temples is here with you all,
 If you had known: "I desire only mercy and not sacrifices!"

Then to condemn who is guiltless you'd know very well what the price is!
This Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath and thus it suffices!"

Entering one synagogue Jesus saw a poor man with a hand
Quite shriveled up with disease as it often occurred in this land.
Jesus was asked: "On the Sabbath can it be quite lawful to heal?"
Jesus replied: "If your sheep on the Sabbath falls into a pit,
Will you then pull it to safety or simply just stand there or quit?
I say to you that a man has more value than one fallen sheep
So do good things on the Sabbath though this day for God we do keep!
Jesus then said to the sick man: "Will you now stretch out your sick hand!"

He did obey the Lord Jesus' s order all willingly and
His hand was healed and so he was the happiest man in the land!
Some of the Pharisees, when they had witnessed Lord Jesus' s powers,
Started to think of some method to kill Him right in the next hours!
Being aware of this Jesus withdrew therefore from this same place,
Many did follow Him so quite a big crowd He still had to face;
Many of these were afflicted with illness whom He healed with grace,
But He did warn them all never to tell who was spreading such grace.

This had to happen so AS to fulfill what Isaiah had told:
Here is my servant, the one I have chosen whom in love I hold,
I delight in Him , my spirit be on Him from now and for ever,
He'll proclaim justice to all of the nations from brother to brother,
He will not quarrel or cry so his voice won't be heard in the streets
He'll not snuff out any smoldering wick or break reeds that He sees
Till he ensures that true justice will win in the struggle to be,
So that all nations their hope for such justice in Him they can see.

They brought to Jesus a demon-possessed who was mute and was blind
Jesus with powers from God the offending bad demon did bind,
So the sick man he was healed and could speak and could see as before
All those who saw this were truly amazed at His wonderful lore!
When Pharisees heard about this event, they began then to say:
"Through Beelzebub, prince of demons, that THIS man can act in this way!"
Lord Jesus knew they were thinking such thoughts so He said to them so:
"Kingdoms or households divided can only end up in much woe
If you're divided against your own self, there's no way you can stand,
If Satan overcomes Satan then how can he rule in his land?
If I drive out the bad demons through Satan then how do you do it?
But if I drive out bad demons with powers of God's Holy Spirit,
God's Kingdom then has arrived in your midst and you re all in it!"

"How can you break in the house of a strong man and take his possessions,
If you don't first tie him up and this way put him out of contention?"

“You are against me if you are not with me and you do but scatter
If you decide that the harvest I bring with me you will not gather.
I also tell you that sins, even blasphemy, shall be forgiven,
But if you blaspheme against Holy Spirit, you won't be forgiven.
Those who will speak many words against me can be granted forgiveness,
But if you speak against God's Holy Spirit, your pain shall be endless.”

“Plant a good tree and then nurture it well, it will grow some good fruit,
Plant a bad tree, then whatever you do to it, it will not suit!
We recognize a good tree by the way it produces good fruit!
You breed of vipers, since you are so evil can you utter good?
Out of the overflow of your own heart comes your mouth's very mood!
Thus the good man he brings forth all the good things that his heart has in
store
He who is evil will bring evil things from his heart all the more!
But I must tell you that men will be called to account on the Day
For what they carelessly to one another in life they did say!
Thus by your words you're condemned or acquitted on that Judgment Day!

Some Pharisees asked Lord Jesus to show a miraculous sign:
Jesus replied: “This adulterous bad generation, they need
Signs from above just because they are naught but a bad wicked breed!
No such a sign shall be given to them, but the story of Jonah!
Three days and nights in the fish he did live, while the fish was a roamer,
Three days and nights I will stay in my tomb in the heart of the earth.
Nineveh's men at the Last Day of Judgment will have their rebirth,
They will stand up with today's generation and rightly condemn it
As they repented when they did hear Jonah who preached in the Spirit
Also the Queen of the South she will rise with this your generation,
As she'd come seeking King Solomon's wisdom across many nations,
In the same way you shall see her condemn this your bad generation!
There is one here so much greater than Solomon in this your nation!”

When a bad spirit comes out of a person, it looks for some rest,
It tends to roam in the country, where dry places are its main quest.
If it can't find one, it says to itself: “I'll go back to my home,
So that from now on all over the country I won't have to roam!”
But its old home it now finds clean and empty and ever so ordered,
So it comes back with some seven more spirits that it will have cornered!
These evil spirits will all end up living in that same location,
That's what will happen to all evil people of this generation!

Jesus was still busy talking to folks when His mother arrived,
 With all His brothers who wanted to speak with him, which they had tried!
 One of the people there then said to Jesus: "Your mother is here,
 Also your brothers who want you to come but they can't make you hear!"
 Jesus then answered them: "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?"
 "Those who'll obey the commands of my Father and not any others!"

Matthew 13.

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There was once a good farmer who went to sow grain,
 Hoping one day a harvest of plenty to gain!
 As he scattered the seeds, some fell on the foot way,
 And the birds ate them up by the end of the day.
 Some fell ON to some ground that was rocky and dry,
 They took root but their growth in this soil went awry,
 Since the sun burned them up, so they just had to die!
 Some fell WHERE some great thorn bushes thickly had grown,
 Some were choked as they IN some poor soil had been sown.
 But some fell in good soil and their plants grew much corn
 Which the farmer's good fields with much grain did adorn;
 There was grain in the fields just about everywhere!
 Jesus said: "Listen then, if your ears, they can hear!"

The disciples asked Jesus about the tale told
 Jesus said: "The whole truth to you I will unfold
 But the secrets not everyone can understand
 So I have to use tales for the folks of this land!;
 For the person who has, will be given much more
 So that more than enough he will have in his store
 From the person with little, it's taken away
 So that he will have naught at the end of the day!
 My good reason for telling to people a tale
 Often is that they look but their eyes, they can fail
 That they listen not hearing so don't understand.
 The good prophet Isaiah these people foresaw
 And his vision has passed into our ancient Law:

'That the people will listen but not understand
They will look but not see with their eyes in their hand,
Since their minds have got dull and they've stopped up their ears,
And they closed up their eyes as they have many fears,
Otherwise they would see with their wide open eyes
And their ears, they would hear all the incoming cries
With their minds they would do this and so understand
And they'd turn to the Lord who would offer His hand
For to heal all who ail in this great crying band!'

But how fortunate you! You do see and you hear!
Many would have been happy to hear what you hear
And to see with their eyes all the things that you see!
Yet it was so ordained that it never could be!

"Listen THEN and I'll tell you the drift of my tale:
Those who hear the Lord's message but follow they fail
Those that don't understand what the words mean to say
Are the ones where the seeds fall along the foot-way
As the Evil one snatches the words from their hearts
So depriving them thus from what God in them starts!
Then the seeds that have fallen on rocky, dry ground
Are the ones who will gladly receive the words' sound
But for these persecution's a high price to pay,
If it comes, they will quickly give up the new Way.
Then the seeds that have fallen amongst all the thorn,
Are the ones who'll accept the new truth in the morn
But before the sun sets they care more for their wealth
Through material cares they neglect their souls' health!
But the seeds in good soil are for those who can hear,
Understand, and so bearing much fruit everywhere"

"Once a farmer went out and sowed seeds in a field
He'd made sure they were good for good harvest to yield.
But one night when the people were all fast asleep,
One bad man sowed some weeds all among the good seed
Later on when the ears of the corn did appear
The bad weeds also started to sprout everywhere.
The man's servants came up to him and said: "Good Sir!
You did sow some good seeds, how can weeds then appear?"
'There was one evil man who came by and did this!
Said the farmer who knew the bad seeds were not his!
"Do you want us to pull up the very bad weeds?"
Asked one servant who could be quite swift with his deeds!

"Surely, No!", said the farmer, "since if you did so,
"It might be that with them the good wheat, it might go!
Let the wheat and the weeds grow together till ripe.
Then the harvesters can pull up all the wrong type
Which when pulled they will tie into bundles to burn
After which the good wheat they with ease will discern!"
If the farmer decides then to sow mustard seeds,
He will know from results of his previous deeds
That in spite of the seeds being so very small,
They will turn into plants very strong and so tall!
As the plants become trees where the birds come to nest,
Then the farmer's good labour has earned him his rest!
Growing ripe is the mark of the Kingdom of God,
Like the farmer who toils and turns over the sod.
Or the one who makes bread, putting yeast in to rise,
And the bread, when it's baked, is her very best prize!"

We know Jesus such parables used for the crowd,
So the truth could come out with a voice clear and loud!
Also for what the prophet had said to come true:
Things unknown since Creation I WILL now tell you!

The apostles asked Jesus his tale to explain,
At which Jesus decided to make it quite plain:
"See? The Son of Man IS the one WHO sowed the seed,
And the field is the world that's awaiting the creed.
The good seeds are the ones who to Lord God belong
And the weeds are the people in Satan's own throng
Then the harvest's the end of the age that you know
And the angels are those who to harvest will go!
As the weeds are all gathered and burned in the fire
So the end for the wicked will also be dire
As the angels will find those who caused folks to sin
And make sure that their fate will then truly begin,
As they will be thrown into the furnace of fire
Where they'll cry and be gnashing their teeth in the pyre!
But the people of God, they will shine like the sun,
They'll be justly rewarded for what they have done!"

"There's some treasure that's found in a field by man
He will bury the treasure and make his own plan:
He will go to the market and sell every thing
And then buy that same field and with joy he will sing!
It may be that he's found a fine pearl in a shell,

He will buy that fine pearl, while all else he will sell.
So the Kingdom of God is like some treasure found
So that to other things you'll not need to be bound!"
"There were some fisher men who went out in their boat,
Then they caught some small fish, yet they caught some of note.
When the net's full of fish they rowed up to the shore,
As the net that they had, could not take any more.
As they sat on the shore to divide all the fish,
They'd discard ones too small, put the large in a dish.
It will be just like this at the end of the age
As the angels for bad ones the search will engage,
Thus the evil ones will be thrown into the fire,
The result of their deeds during their life entire!"

Jesus asked the disciples if they'd understood;
They said: "Yes!" as they all tried as best as they could!
Jesus said: "This then means that all Teachers of Law
If they all to God's Kingdom so truly withdraw
They will know what to bring, so they'll open the door
To the old and new things that they keep in their store!"

After telling these parables AS teaching tales
Jesus went home to Nazareth, through hills and dales.
He there taught in the synagogue and they all cried:
"Where could He wisdom like this have acquired?
Is He not one of our simple carpenter's son?
Is Joseph's wife, Mary, then not his mother
He belongs to their family and to no other!
All his brothers and sisters are living round here,
Where did He get all this? It's this doubt that we fear!
It seems these are the reasons why He was rejected,
Jesus then told them why He thought they had objected:
"Do you see that a prophet is respected abroad
Though at home people think he is not from the Lord"

Matthew 14.

At this time the King Herod ruled in Galilee
Who to acts of Lord Jesus was searching the key
"He is surely the Baptist who's come back to life,
Thus He does many miracles and with no strife!"
Herod earlier ordered the Baptist's arrest
That's because from his warnings he could have no rest!
John the Baptist had told him his marriage was sin

And forgiveness from God for this sin could not win.
So he threw John in jail, though he wanted him dead.
He did not go that far as the Jews he did dread!
Then his wife's daughter danced on his birthday so well,
Herod to his wife's daughter said: "What you may tell
I will give you for dancing with such charm and skill!"
So she asked her own mother what might be her own will
"On a platter John's head, but quite dead and quite still!"
Herod's wife had thus spoken, her daughter agreed,
So John's head with an axe from his body was freed!
Then John's head on a plate to the girl it was brought,
To her mother she took it without so much thought.
Then the Baptist's disciples the body did move
Then they told the Lord Jesus, who did Herod reprove!

Jesus, when He was told of the Baptist's ill fate
He withdrew in a boat to a quiet estate.
Learning this, the big crowd followed Him all on foot
A compelling compassion in Him then took root
All the sick that the people brought over He healed
His compassion this much divine power did yield,

As the dusk came to fall His disciples came up
And they said: "You've done more than enough for your cup
What with people so hungry and the hour is late;
You should send them away to get food on their plate!"
Jesus said: "There's no need for them yet to depart,
We can feed them ourselves, if we are a bit smart!"
"We have five loaves of bread and two fish that are left
If we give them just that, they will still feel bereft!"
Thus replied the disciples who gazed at the crowd,
Many children were hungry and crying out loud!
"Bring them here right to me!" thus did Jesus command
Knowing that His great Father would fulfill the demand!

Jesus took the five loaves and the fish and then prayed;
Broke the loaves and in prayer for some time He had stayed.
The disciples then took from him all He had blessed,
To the people they gave them from the East to the West.
'Twas sufficient for all to have all they could eat
(The disciples were awestruck by so great a feat!)
They picked up twelve more baskets of what was left over.
There were five thousand men and some children moreover
They were all fed like this by this most holy rover!

Jesus said: "Now get into the boat and set sail
 For the opposite shore of this lake without fail!
 I'll dismiss the big crowd and I will go and pray"
 The disciples obeyed and they went on their way.
 When night fell the wind came and whipped up a big storm
 The disciples out there seemed to be all forlorn
 So that Jesus decided to come to their aid,
 As they drifted away and they were sore afraid!
 Jesus went to the water and walked on the lake
 So to find His disciples who from fear all did quake!
 When they say that a person o'er the water did skim,
 They thought Jesus a ghost as they did not know Him!
 "It is I". Said the Lord Jesus, "Do not be afraid!"
 "I am just coming to you so to bring you my aid!"
 So when Peter saw Jesus walk on the dark water
 Then to do the same thing is what HE though he ought to!
 "Can I come to you, Jesus?" asked Peter out loud.
 "Yes!" said Jesus who of such great courage was proud!
 Peter walked on the water till the wind caught his face,
 He felt fear and he slipped further down in disgrace.
 "Jesus! Save me!" he cried in a voice of despair
 At which point the Lord Jesus of him soon took care.
 Jesus said: "How was it that your faith you thus lost?
 Such a loss of your faith your dear life might have cost!"
 When the two of them entered the boat from the lake
 The disciples said: "You, who these wonders do make
 Must indeed be the Son of the Almighty God
 Bringing wonders with each of the steps that you've trod!"

When they'd sailed o'er the lake to the opposite shore,
 There were crowds waiting for them, much work was in store!
 From the villages near they brought those who were ill,
 Hoping Jesus would heal them if that was God's Will.
 Some just begged for a touch of the edge of His cloak,
 They were healed all at once at just one wondrous stroke!

Matthew 15.

Then some Teachers of Law and some Pharisees came
 And they mentioned the rules of the "hand-washing game".
 "By tradition you must wash your hands ere you eat
 Your disciples don't wash, though each other they greet."

Jesus said: "Your traditions ignore God's command:
To do honour to parents the Law does demand,
He who curses his mother or father should die,
It's the Law, is it not? So you should not ask why!
But you say if one says to his father or mother:
Any help you have given them can be no other
Than a gift that's intended for God up above;
You don't honour your father in this way with love
And so thus nullify the command of the Lord
For the sake of tradition you cannot afford!
You are hypocrites just as Isaiah has said:
There are some do me honour with only their lips
But their hearts are as dark as a solar eclipse!
So their worship, it comes to me spoken in vain
And their teachings just words, told again and again!"

Jesus called all to Him and He spoke loud and clear:
"What goes into the mouth you've no reason to fear,
What comes out of the mouth is what makes you unclean!"
The disciples weren't sure what His words, they might mean!
But they said to Lord Jesus: "The scribes were offended
When you said that in prayer they had only pretended"
"Every plant that's not planted by God will be pulled
If a blind man does try a blind person to lead,
They'll both fall in a pit as the ground they can't heed."

Peter asked if the parable He could explain.
Jesus said: 'Is it not yet so clear to your brain?
Don't you see that whatever goes into your mouth,
Wherever you are, whether North, East or South.
It then goes to the stomach and then out again
So it cannot then harm you. Do I make it plain?
But what comes through your mouth, it must come from your heart
It will make you unclean, unless you are quite smart!
Because out of your heart comes a most evil thought
Such as murder, adultery, with danger fraught.
Immorality, theft even false testimony
They come from your own heart when you speak, don't you see?
These are things much more likely to make you unclean
More than eating your food while unwashed, it would seem!"

Leaving there Jesus went to the region of Tyre
Where He met a poor woman with a voice just like fire.
She said: "Lord! Son of David! Have mercy on me!"

My poor daughter's possessed but you could set her free!"
Jesus gave no reply but His friends thus did speak:
"You should send her away! It's not you she does seek!"
Jesus said: "I've been sent to protect the lost sheep!"
"Then help ME!", said the woman, "So that I can find sleep!"
He replied: "It's not right to toss poor children's bread
To their dogs, even though without this they'd be dead!"
She said: "Yes, Lord! But even the dogs eat the crumbs
From the master's high table, each bit as it comes!"
Jesus said: "Oh my child! Your faith IS truly great!
At this instant your daughter is free from her state!"

Jesus went to the shores of the Lake Galilee
Where He climbed a small hill so He better could see.
There large crowds came to Him, brought the lame and the blind,
And the mute and the crippled and all such they could find.
Jesus healed every one and they were all amazed,
When they saw the lame walk they in wonderment gazed
At this Man who worked wonders, the blind, they could see,
And the deaf, they could hear, how did this come to be?

Jesus called His disciples to Him and He said:
"I've compassion for these people, they need some bread!
They've been with me three days and had nothing to eat,
They're hungry and worn and can't stand on their feet!
Take a look! I've no heart now to send them away,
Can't you see they are tired, they'll collapse on the way!"
His disciples replied: "Oh! For crying out loud!
How can we in this place start to feed such a crowd?"
Jesus asked: "See what loaves we do have in our store!"
They replied: "We have seven, a few fish and no more!"
Jesus told all the people to sit on the ground
And He took all the loaves and the fish they had found
He gave TO the disciples when He'd thanked the Lord
(He knew plenty of bread by His Father was stored!)
Then He gave the disciples the food that he'd blessed
Who then gave it to all whom Lord Jesus addressed.
This way all had enough for their hunger to calm
To the worried disciples this was a great balm!
They picked up seven baskets of left over food,
As they'd eaten their fill, though all hungry had stood!
There were four thousand men who'd been fed in this way,
Without counting the women and children that day

Matthew 16.

Pharisees came to Jesus and asked for a sign
So themselves with Lord Jesus could safely align.
He replied: "When night comes you'll foresee the good weather
If the sky is all red or as purple as heather,
In the morning a red sky will tell of a storm,
So concerning the weather you'll know what's the norm!
But the signs of the times you cannot understand
So you need wondrous signs that are out of this Land;
Yet not one shall be given except that of Jonah
Who three days stayed concealed in the state of a loner!"

When they took to their boat to sail over the lake,
They forgot to bring bread (this mistake they did make!)
Jesus said: "On your guard with the Pharisees' yeast!
Do you know of the bread made by some Sadducees?"
The disciples, they thought, this was what Jesus said
Because they were so careless and did not bring bread!
The Lord Jesus, aware of the point they discussed,
Did ask them why in Him they had not enough trust:
"All this talk about having no bread is so strange!
Don't forget the five loaves which in hundreds did change
And we fed the five thousand till all were replete!
We did not need the baker that trades down the street.
And the seven small loaves were enough for the crowd
Of four thousand good people, for crying out loud!
You do not understand that I talked not of bread,
Pharisees and their yeast are what you ought to dread!"
Then they knew the discourse was not yeast in the bread
But by any false teaching they must not be fed!

Jesus asked His disciples: "What is it they say
About me all the people you meet every day?"
"Some say You're John the Baptist, or perhaps You're Elijah,
Others think that maybe You're the Prophet Jeremiah
Jesus said: "You, my friends, who do YOU say I am?
Am I one of these prophets? Tell me who I am!"
Peter said: "You're the Christ! Son of one living God!"
Jesus said: "It's my Father in heaven who told
You what you've just announced in a statement so bold,
So you, Peter, you're bless-ed, so I'll build my church
On the rock that you are, so I'll no longer search

For the one who'll oppose all the evil of Hell
So the dark gates of Hades will tumble as well!
I will give you the keys of the Kingdom above
So whatever you bind shall be bound up above,
And whatever you loose shall be loosed through much love
You shall therefore decide 'twixt the hawk and the dove!
Do not tell any others of who I might be
The fact I am the Christ they much later will see!"

From that time the Lord Jesus began to explain
That He must to Jerusalem and suffer pain,
In the end, He did tell: by the Jews He'd be slain
And then on the third day He would rise up again!
Peter said: "Never, Lord! This will never occur!"
Jesus said: "It is Satan in you that does stir!
You must have in your mind only things from your God
You have not cast away thoughts of men, which is odd!
The disciples then heard Jesus make this discourse
So that they'd understand things right down to the source:
"Anyone who would come after me must renounce
His own self, and his cross he must bear, every ounce
Of his strength for the task that is TO follow Me,
If he saves his own life, his life forfeit will be,
But whoever does lose his own life just for Me,
He will certainly find a good life, you will see!
It's no good for a man if he gains the whole Earth
If he loses his soul, it's a waste of his birth!
What can anyone give in exchange for his soul?
As our soul is our treasure in our earthly role!
Son of Man, He shall come with His angels in glory,
He'll reward each of you in accord with your story!
Some of you standing here will not taste early death
Well before you'll be feeling my new Kingdom's breath!"

Matthew 17.

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Jesus climbed up a high mountain with Peter and James, also John,
He was transfigured before them, His face like the sun, so it shone!
Also His garments had suddenly come to shine bright as the light.
Moses and also Elijah were with him, both bright and all white!
Peter then said: "Let us make tabernacles for each of you three."
As he was speaking, a cloud came to hide them so they couldn't see;
But from the cloud a clear voice could be heard saying :This is my Son!
Listen to His every word! What He says, it must surely be done!"
When the disciples heard this, they were scared and they fell to the ground,
But Jesus came and He touched them and spoke with such gentle a sound:
"Get up and don't be afraid, you can see that it is only I!"
Now they saw Jesus alone and the prophets they'd seen had gone by.
Jesus then said to them: "Do not tell anyone what you have seen,
Just when you know that I raised from the dead will have been!"
Then the disciples asked Jesus: "How is it that Teachers of Law
Always insist that the Prophet Elijah, he must come before?"
Jesus then told them: "You know that Elijah already has been!
They did not know who he was nor what his message to them did mean!
So that they killed him as they'll also kill me as has been ordained"
It was the Baptist of whom Jesus spoke was the knowledge they'd gained.

When they came down from the mountain a very large crowd was there waiting.
One man came out of the crowd who then knelt before Jesus while saying:
"Lord! Do have mercy on my suffering son who is so very ill!
He often falls in the fire or in the deep water against his own will!
I have already asked your good disciples who could do no healing
So I have brought him to you as in truth it's in you I'm believing!"
Jesus said: "Many of you are perverse and so still unbelieving!
How long shall I stay with you so that you can believe in my healing?
Let the boy come to me here so I know just with what we are dealing !"
Jesus rebuked the bad demon which promptly came out of the boy.
Then the disciples asked Jesus why they could not work the same ploy.
Jesus replied: "It's because your own faith is still shaky and weak!
Faith just as small as the seed of the mustard would then let you speak:
"You, stubborn mountain, you must move from here to where I have to say!
And that big mountain would certainly move to that place right away!"
In Galilee when they all came together Lord Jesus did say:
"I'll be betrayed into hands of bad men who will put me to death,

On the third day, you will see, that my Father will restore me my breath!"
 Then there were those who did handle the two-drachma tax came to Peter
 Asking him: "Are the two drachmas of temple tax paid by your teacher?"
 Peter replied that his Teacher would certainly pay all the dues.
 Jesus then wanted to give Peter over the tax some good clues:
 "Tell me from whom all the kings of the Earth gather most of their tax,
 From their own children or rather from others? You tell me the facts!"
 "Rather from others!", did Peter reply, as it seemed to him clear.
 "Then surely sons are exempt from the tax to be gathered!", did Jesus declare.
 "But so we may not offend them go now and use your fishing line
 Just go and take the first fish that comes over to you in the brine,
 Open its mouth and then in it you'll find just one four-drachma coin,
 Take it to them as the tax for us both as of friendship's the sign.

Matthew 18.

Jesus' disciples asked who is the best in the Kingdom above.
 Jesus put one little child in among them and said with much love:
 "I tell you if you don't change and become like this small humble child,
 You'll never enter my Father's great Kingdom reserved for the mild!
 Therefore whoever does humble himself like this simple small creature
 Will be the greatest in heaven's abode in the infinite future!
 Any who welcomes a child like this one will be welcoming Me,
 Anyone causing just one little child in my care, don't you see,
 To commit sin, it would be better if he had never been born
 Rather with millstones around him in deepest of water be thrown!
 Woe to the world for the things that they do that cause people to sin,
 Though such things must occur, woe to the people through whom they begin!
 If your hand or your foot tempts you to sin, they are better cut off,
 Life without limbs is much better than WITH limbs in hell that's no laugh!
 If your eye draws you towards sinful acts, it is better to lose it
 And go through life with one eye rather than get to be Satan's trained pundit.
 See that you do not look down on just one little child like this creature
 Since their good angels who dwell with my Father will safeguard their future."

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred or so of good sheep,
 If one of these wanders off, he will search by discerning its bleat,
 And if he finds it, he will be much happier for this one sheep
 Than for the ones which had stayed in their pens or did peacefully sleep.
 In the same way your good Father in heaven won't want a child lost,
 He'll make an effort to keep them all safe without counting the cost!

If your friend does sin against you, you must go and show him his fault,
 Keep it between two of you so the thing can be brought to a halt.

Thus you'll have kept a good friend, but if still he seems not to agree
Bring some more people along so that with their help you can get free.
If he's unable to listen, then go and take him to the church
Where some wise people will assist both of you a solution to search.
If he refuses to listen to those of the church you'll have tried,
Then you must treat him as though he was pagan and with too much pride."

"I have to tell you: whatever on earth that you truly do bind,
Will be bound also up there in high heaven as shown in your mind.
I tell you also: whatever on earth that you truly do loose,
Will be loosed also up there in high heaven, this shall be our use!
Truly I tell you if two of you here on earth something will ask,
This my great Father in heaven will do for you as His own task!
Where two or three come and meet in my name, I will surely be there,
I will be with you when you are together for me, I declare!"

Then Peter thought he must come to Lord Jesus and ask: "Can you tell us
How many times do we have to forgive, is it seven, oh Jesus?"
Jesus replied: "Not just seven but seventy-seven, or more!"
He told this parable, which then became an important part of their new lore:

There was a king who had wanted to settle accounts with his servants;
One man among them, it happened he still owed him ten thousand talents.
He could not pay so the king then decided to sell him as slave.
But the poor servant, he fell on his knees and said: "I humbly crave
Your kind indulgence and I will work hard so I'll repay the debt!"
This moved the king who took pity on him and he cancelled the debt.
But when this servant went out he found one of his own fellow servants
To whom he'd lent a small sum and who still owed him one hundred talents.
He went and grabbed him and started to choke him and cried: "You must pay!"
This fellow servant, he fell on his knees, saying: "Grant me delay!
Just have some patience and every last penny to you I'll restore!"
He did not listen but sent him to jail where the Law closed the door,
Till he could pay what he owed to the man who had lent him the money.
When all the others had learned this sad fact, they did not think it funny,
They were in fact most distressed so they went and told all to the king.
When the king heard this, he thought to his servant true justice he'd bring!
He called his servant and spoke to him angrily, not mincing words:
"You're wicket! How can it be that now in your heart no pity stirs?
I canceled all of your debt just because you did beg for forgiveness!
You showed no mercy on your fellow servant in this sorry sequence!"
Full of much anger the king passed the servant to one cruel jailer
Till he paid up all his debt as a punishment for his behaviour!
Thus will my heavenly Father treat YOU for a similar failure!

Matthew 19.

Some Pharisees asked Lord Jesus this question as THEY wished to test Him:
"Can it be lawful your wife to divorce?", thus they hoped they would best Him.
"Haven't you read", He replied, "that God made them be male and then female?"

This is why Man, he must leave both his parents and then without fail
Cleave to his wife so that they'll be one flesh and shall thus stay together!

When such a union is blessed by the Lord, it's for no man to sever!"

"Why then", they questioned, "did Moses declare that we could have divorces?"

Jesus replied: "It's because your hard hearts were so full of dark forces!

Any divorcing his wife, just excepting if she's been unfaithful,
And marries somebody else is adulterous and therefore sinful"

"If this be so", the disciples objected, "it's best not to marry!"

Jesus replied: "It's not all that these words in their hearts they can carry

For some are eunuchs as in the beginning they WERE born this way;
Others are made that way by human hands so that WAY they will stay,
Others again have renounced being married as their gift to God,
Those who are able, accept such a life as the path they'll have trod!

Then little children were brought to Lord Jesus on whom He laid hands,

Praying His prayers for which He was famous all over these lands.

But the disciples rebuked these keen parents for being so bold,

But Jesus did not approve of the words these good parents were told:

Jesus said: "Do not prevent all these good little children from coming here now!

For my great Father such people as these in His house will allow!"

Now a man came up to Jesus and asked Him: "What good must I do,
TO have eternal existence, I do truly ask it of You!"

"Why do you ask me about what is good? There's just ONE who is good!

You must obey the commandments that since Moses have firmly stood."

"Which of these must I obey if I want to secure the next life?"

Jesus replied: "Do not murder or steal and don't cheat on your wife,
Love all your neighbours and honour your father as well as your mother"

"I have obeyed all these laws", said the man, " Is there not any other?"

Jesus then told him: "If YOU aim at fullest perfection, then sell

All that you have and give all to the poor and you'll do very well,
Treasures in heaven shall be your reward if you thus follow me!"

When the young man heard these words, he was sad as he could never be

Like those who followed Lord Jesus, since he was a man of some means.

So he departed, forgetting what he'd just been told in these scenes!

Jesus then said to the waiting disciples: "It is very hard
For a rich man to get into the Kingdom, although he's not barred.
It is much easier for camels to pass through the eye of a needle
Than for the rich to aspire to the Kingdom from his laden table!"
At this all Jesus' disciples were shocked and perturbed so they said:
"Who can then come in to heaven, when this Earth they no longer tread?"
Jesus said: "For men all this is impossible but not for God"
Peter said: "We have left all, and to follow You your path have trod!
What will then happen to us when we come to the end of this life?
Do we get our just reward for our pain that we've suffered in strife"

"Truly I tell you that when we have come to the end of the story,
When I mount onto my heavenly throne and return to my glory,
You, who have followed me will all be seated on one dozen thrones,
For passing judgment on all Israelis in their dozen homes;
And those who've left their own brothers and sisters and father and mother
Also their sons or their homes or their fields or else anything other,
They'll be receiving one hundred times more in the life that's to come
Last shall be first and the first shall be last in this heavenly sum!"

Matthew 20.

Heaven's own Kingdom is like a householder who went out to hire
Workers to work in his vineyard which AT this time he did require,
When he'd agreed with the workers on wages of daily one penny,
He sent them to his great vineyard, but saw that they weren't very many.
On the third hour he went down to the market and saw many idle,
He told them: "Go to my vineyard and I'll pay you wages as I am well able"
At the sixth and also at the ninth hour he hired workers too
At the eleventh hour HE added MORE men to HIS working crew.
When the night fell, then the lord of the vineyard, he called on his factors
"Call in the workers and give them their hire from each of my sectors.
Start paying those who came last and then last of all those who came first,
Whether they came for one hour or had suffered the heat with much thirst,
Give them one penny for what they have done, if they'd worked more or less."
Those who had worked there all day said: "We have all been through much more stress
Than those who worked but one hour, so surely we deserve to have more!"
"Haven't I paid you what had been agreed? So do not feel so soar!
Can I not do what I wish with what's mine and so give what I please?
Or do you mind that I wish to be kind and make people at ease?"
So it's the last who one day shall be first when the first shall be last!
Many 'll be called but a few will be chosen, not as in times past!

As they came near to Jerusalem, He stopped and started to say:
"When we reach our holy city the lawmen and scribes will betray
Me and they will then condemn me to death through the Gentiles,
Who first will mock me and whip me insulting me with their rude cries,
Then to a tree in the shape of a cross they're going to nail me,
But three days later I'll rise as my Father in heaven won't fail me!"

Zebedee's wife came to ask for a favour for two of her offspring.
As Jesus saw them he said to her: "What is the favour you're asking?"
She answered: "Promise me that these two sons of mine, when you are King
Will sit with you, it has been my long dream to which I still do cling,
One on the left and then one on the right of the heavenly King!"
Jesus replied to the sons: "You do not know what you two are asking!
Can you drink my cup of pain that I shall very soon now be drinking?"
"Surely we can!", they replied, at which Jesus said: "You'll drink the cup!
But who will sit on my right or my left is e'en now written up
In my good Father's big book and I don't have the right whom to choose.
Father's prepared these two places for others who therefore can't lose!"
When the disciples heard this, they became angry with the two brothers
But Jesus tried to explain the big gap between them and the others:
"Heathens' authority's vested in leaders with power to rule,
But here amongst you, you WILL not be needing to use such a tool.
If one of you does aspire to be great then he must serve the others,
If there is one who does want to be first, he'll be slave to his brothers!
Like my own self, I've not COME to be served but all others to serve,
Giving my life as a ransom and thus many souls to preserve!"

As Jesus with His disciples was walking from Jericho town,
On the road's SIDE there were two poor blind people who HAD just sat down
When they heard THAT the Lord Jesus was passing, they shouted out loud:
"Oh, Son of David, take pity on us, as you pass in this crowd!"
Those in the crowd, they did scold them and told them to let Jesus be.
But the two men, they just shouted much louder, saying: "We want to see!"
Jesus then stopped and He called them: "What is it you want me to do?"
"Give us our sight, Oh Lord Jesus, since you are a prophet so true!"
Jesus had pity on these two poor men, so He touched both their eyes,
And they could instantly see, so they followed Him with grateful cries!

Matthew 21.

As Jesus and His disciples approached the outskirts of the City
They stopped to look at the olive-trees on the Mount which looked so pretty!

Jesus then sent two disciples ahead, giving these clear instructions
Which He gave out in some detail so AS to make sure of their actions:

"Go to the village ahead where you'll find a young donkey and colt
Untie them both with great care but make sure neither OF them will bolt.

If any there do object you just tell them your Master does need them,
They will then let them go with you so TO me you'll easily bring them."

This happened so as to make what the prophet said to become true:

"Look how your King who now so very humbly is coming to you,
He shows humility as He is riding on one simple donkey

Which comes together here with its own colt, the small foal of the donkey!"

So the disciples went on and did all they'd been called on to do,
They brought the colt and the donkey, the words thus turned out to be true.

Then the disciples threw cloaks on the animals and Jesus mounted,
There was a crowd both before and behind Him that could not be counted.

THEY all began to exclaim: "To You, Son of David, be praise!

Blessed who comes in the name of the Lord, to the end of our days!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem then the whole city exploded

As they all wondered who this man might be who by all was so lauded.

"Who is this?" asked the inhabitants who had been standing around,
"This is the great prophet Jesus!" they shouted with one single sound.

Jesus went into the Temple and drove out all those who were selling,
He overturned all the tables of bankers while these words was telling:

"Scriptures reveal that God said: 'This my Temple is my house of prayer!'"

But you have turned it in TO dens of thieves and what's more you don't care!"

Cripples and blind came to Him in the Temple and He promptly healed them.

Teachers of Law and Chief Priests became angry, because He so helped them.

They heard the shouts of the children inside crying: "Praise be to You!"

Then the Chief Priests asked Lord Jesus what of this great shouting He knew.

"Scripture does tell: You have trained little children to give perfect praise"

Then Jesus left so He COULD rest a while and avoid people's gaze.

After their rest they were walking along very early next morning

Jesus was hungry and saw a fig TREE as the sun it was rising.

This tree that grew by the roadside, He saw it was bearing no fruit.

Jesus then cursed the whole tree from the foliage down to its root,

As He thus spoke to the tree: "You will never again bear your fruit!"

There on the spot the poor tree then dried up from the leaves to the root.

When the disciples saw this, they were very amazed and astounded,

They had not known of such things since the whole of the world had been founded!

"How did the tree come to dry up so fast?", the disciples were asking.
Jesus said: "If you believe and no doubts your conviction are masking
You should be able to do what I've done to this wretched old tree!
You should be able to say to this hill: 'throw yourself in the sea!'
If you believe, then the hill will obey and that's how it must be!"
If you believe, you'll receive all you ask for in prayer from me."

Jesus came back to the Temple and while He was teaching the crowd
Chief priests and elders came up to Him and they did question Him loud:
"What right have YOU got to do all these things? Who did give you this right?"

Jesus replied: "I will ask you one question and if you can answer
I will then tell you by what right I act also who is my Master.
Where was John's right to baptize coming from? From the Lord or from Man?"

Chief priests and elders and Teachers of Law a discussion began:
"If we say it came from God they'll say: then why did we not have belief?
If we say Man, we don't know what they'll do and we might come to grief!
That's because all are convinced that the Baptist was truly a prophet,
So then, whichever we say, in no way can we reap any profit"
So the chief priests, they decided to say that they could not reply,
"Then I will NOT tell you whence come my rights!", so did Jesus then cry.

"There was a man who had two grown up sons who requested the elder:
"Go, do some work in that vineyard of ours while we have this good weather!"

"Father! I don't want to go!", so the elder one said, but he went.
Then the man also asked his younger son if he would not resent
Doing some work with the vines and this son said: "I'll certainly go!"
But it so happened that he just decided that he could not go.
Which of the two was the one who accomplished what his father wanted?"
Thus to the elder one was the accomplishment of the task granted!

"There was a farmer who planted a vineyard complete with wine-press,
Which he let out to some tenants so as to avoid all the stress
Then he went on a long trip hoping work on the vines would proceed,
So when he came back again the grape harvest would amply succeed.
When the time came for the grapes to be gathered he was far away,
So he sent some of his slaves for his share of the harvest that day.
These wicked tenants, they beat and they stoned and they killed his good slaves
So the landowner, he sent some more slaves but then these cruel knaves
Also disposed of these slaves and they buried them in shallow graves!
Last of all he sent his son, thinking: "Surely, they'll respect my own son!"
But when they saw him, among them the following talk was begun:
'This is the owner's own son, if we kill him, we'll have the estate!'
So thus they beat him and killed him and left him in his sorry state!"

When the landowner comes home", asked Lord Jesus, "What will he then do?"
"Certainly he will kill those evil men and then choose a good crew!"
Answered the people at once, "who will give him his share when it's due!"
Jesus then said to them: "Haven't you read what the Scriptures do say?"
'It is the stone which the builders rejected which turns out as the best
Thus it was done by the Lord, what a wonderful sight the Lord's test!"
"And so I say", said Lord Jesus, "The Kingdom of God will be taken
From you and given to those among YOU (so do not be mistaken!),
Who will produce proper fruits for the Lord when their trees are well shaken!"

Chief priests and Pharisees heard Jesus' parables and they knew well,
That what they'd heard in the stories was for them, as Jesus did tell!
They then did try to arrest Him but they were afraid of the crowd,
For risking failing arresting Lord Jesus they were much too proud!

Matthew 22.

Parable

There was a King who prepared a big wedding feast for his first son
And he invited a great many people so they could have fun.
But none of those he'd invited could come as they said they were busy.
Then he planned feasts very sumptuous which would turn anyone dizzy
With many bullocks and prize calves that were to be butchered for them.
He sent his servants to tell future guests what was in store for them
But these invited paid no more attention; one went to his farm,
While others went to their shops, and yet others insulted them and did them harm.
Some even killed the good servants, the King could then no more stay calm;
He got so angry he killed all these killers and burned down their homes.
He called his servants and shouted such words as would fill many tomes:
"Ready's the feast for my son's celebrations but guests we have NOT!
Go to the High Street and say to the people that I'll be inviting the lot!"
So all the servants went into the town and called all they could find
Taking the good and the bad all alike, since the King did not mind!
He then inspected the guests and found one who wore no wedding dress..
"Friend!", said the King, "How did YOU get in here and not wear proper dress?"
But the man did not explain to the King why he wasn't well dressed.
He thought the man was too insolent, SO thus his servants addressed:
"Go, tie him up hand and foot and then throw him outside of the gate
Where he can cry or can grind all his teeth as he's left to his fate!"
Jesus said: "Many are called but a few chosen pass through the gate!"
Some Pharisees, they were planning to set Jesus up in a trap;
They would ask Him some trick questions, success would then fall in their lap.
They called some people from Herod's own party and those with Lord Jesus.

"Teacher!", they said, "we know YOU tell the truth so would YOU like to tell us:

Is it against our own law to the Emperor if we pay tax?

Is there a way in which our Jewish law in this CASE can relax?"

Jesus, however, He knew of their plan so He said to them sternly:

"Hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me?" then He added firmly:

"Show me a coin for the paying of taxes, the one with the face!"

They brought the coin to Him and for His answer themselves they did brace.

"Whose is the name and the face of the person on here that you see?"

Asked the Lord Jesus who knew just one answer to this there could be.

"It is the Emperor's", all said together, as it was so clear

"Then pay the Emperor what is the Emperor's, since he reigns here

But pay to God what belongs to the Lord and so have no fear!"

All were amazed at His wisdom as shown by what HE did declare!

Sadducees came to Lord Jesus to talk about Man's resurrection.

They did reject it and wanted to know what was Jesus' reaction.

"Teacher!", they said, "Moses said if a man with no children has died,

One of his brothers must marry the widow in hope of a child.

Once there were seven good brothers, the eldest one, he married first,

He died without any children, though they both for children did thirst!

So the next brother, he married the widow but he too died childless.

So it was with all the other good brothers in seemingly endless

Weddings and funerals till in the end the poor widow died too.

At resurrection then which of these husbands was HER husband true?"

Jesus then answered them: "You do not know what's revealed in the Scriptures,
So in your mind you will not have the knowledge and make the wrong pictures!

In resurrection you do not have marriage like angels do not,

Being in heaven is not like on Earth, you're children of God.

Have you not read what was spoken to you by your Almighty God?

Abraham's God am I and God of Isaac as well as of Jacob.

He is the God of the living and certainly not of the dead!

When all the people heard this, they were full of amazement and dread!

Some Pharisees also tried to trap Jesus with THEIR own trick question:

"Which is the greatest commandment to which we must give our attention?"

Jesus replied: " All your heart, all your soul, all your mind must love God!

This is the weightiest of the commandments and the most broad

Next to this one is the Law that insists that your neighbour you love

As you do love your own self and so please your Lord God up above!

Moses's all other laws with these two are joined up hand-in-glove!

Jesus once questioned some wise Pharisees in the following way:

"What do you people think of the Messiah, wherefrom does he stem?"

"He's a descendant of David" yet would He agree now with them?

"Why then", asked Jesus, "did Spirit inspire David to call him 'Lord'?
David said, while much engaged in a battle and wielding his sword:
"Thus the Lord said to my Lord: you sit here on my right,
Till I put all your foes under your feet and thus end this your fight!"
If then King David, he said to him 'Lord', why then how can it be
That the Messiah is David's descendant, so now don't you see?"

Matthew 23.

Pharisees and all the Teachers of Law will interpret for you
Our ancient Laws so that you must do all that they tell you to do.
Don't imitate what they do, as they do not oft do what they preach,
They do not practice their precepts for holiness which they do teach.
On people's backs they will tie heavy loads much too heavy to carry;
As to some help in such hard, heavy work, they will usually tarry
They're ostentatious as THEY want the people to notice quite plain
Those Scripture verses they wear on their foreheads that aren't there in vain!
In synagogues they do love the reserved seats, at feasts they're up front
In all the markets they greetings require or it's an affront.
'Teacher' is what they all like to be called as a sign of respect,
Though there is only one Teacher if YOUR heart you truly inspect!
You must not call any one on this Earth by the name of the Father,
You have your Father in heaven and you need not look any farther!
Nor should you ever call any among you your personal Leader
Be led by God, which you'll know if you are of the Scriptures a reader.
To be the greatest you must be the servant or you'll be the least,
If you are humble then you will be first at the heavenly feast!
Woe to you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites as the Kingdom you close
To those who wish to come in as their faith in all holiness grows.
Woe to you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites for devouring the houses
Of some poor widows while you chant long prayers which anger arouses!
Woe to you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites as you proselytes make,
These you turn into the children of hell for the devil to take!!
Woe to you guides who are blind who have said: 'Those who swear by the Temple
Are not obliged to keep faith as the rule in this case is so simple:
Swear by the gold of the Temple as this surely binds all such people'
Which is more weighty: the gold or the Temple that makes the gold holy?
You also say that whoever will swear by the altar counts naught,
If on what's there you do swear, you to firm obligation are brought.
Which is more weighty, what's there or the altar that makes it all holy?
Therefore you swear by the altar and all that is on it quite wholly!
So he who swears by the temple, swears both by the temple and God,

Also who swears by high heaven swears both by the heavenly throne
And by the Lord who sits there in His glory for all to be known.
Woe to you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites for the way that you tithe
Mint, also dill and cumin, yet in hell you will still have to writhe
And suffer much for neglecting the weightier part of the Law:
Faithfulness, justice and mercy from which you did opt to withdraw!
You, the blind guides, who strain out a small gnat from the hollow
Of your clean cup but a creature as big as a camel you'll swallow!
Woe to you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites for you clean the outside
Of the cup and of the dish but you don't mind a dirty inside:
Robbery and self-indulgence that you often take in your stride!
Blind Pharisee! You must clean the inside of the cup at the start
Then the outside will be cleansed as the evil has fled from your heart!
Woe to you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites you are just like a tomb
Washed to bright white but inside nothing but rotting dead bodies loom!
In the same way you too outwardly seem all so righteous to men,
Inwardly you are all lawless and hypocrites I say again!
Woe to you Scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites for the prophets you build
Tombs all adorned and forget that of yore these good men you have killed!
Even you say: 'If we had been alive in the days of our fathers,
We would not ever have been in those times of these prophets the loathers
So we would not ever have been the partners in murdering prophets'
But you bear witness against your own selves so you cannot gain credits
Claiming that you are the sons of all those who had murdered the prophets!
So from the guilt of your fathers you cannot now claim any merits!
You brood of vipers! How shall you escape the harsh sentence of hell?
Therefore behold! I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes,
Some you will crucify, some you'll be scourging whatever their tribes.
On you will fall all the guilt of the blood of the righteous on Earth
Through all the murder of prophets of which plainly there is no dearth.
Punishment for all these murders will fall upon those of your birth!

Oh, You! Jerusalem! You kill God's messengers and prophets too.
It is a shame and it is very sad yet you know it is true!
How many times have I wanted to put my own arms round your people
Just as the hen gathers all of her chicks by her wings! It's so simple!
But you would not let me come and so YOUR temple will lie quite dead!
From now on I tell you that you'll not see me until you have said:
'We all say with one voice God bless him who comes proclaiming the Lord'
Those who will thus be proclaiming the Lord, they will not be ignored!
'Sit benedictus qui venit in nomine domini! Lord!

Matthew 24.

As Jesus left the Jerusalem Temple then one keen disciple
His admiration for its architecture in no way could stifle.
Jesus said: "You may well look at these jewels of our ancient town,
I tell you no single stone will remain, they will all be thrown down!"
As Jesus sat on the Olive-tree Mount, the disciples inquired:
"Tell us when all this will be so we know how much time is required
For the event of Yourself coming back at the end of the age.
We want to know what will happen as we are approaching this stage!"
Jesus replied: "You must be on your guard lest some people deceive you.
Many will claim to be speaking for me and they'll want to receive you.
They will be shouting: 'I am the Messiah', deceiving the people,
You must unmask all such lies! To declare such a thing is so simple!
You'll also hear, very close, the great noise of the battles that rage
And you'll hear OF distant battles as countries in conflicts engage.
Do not be troubled, such things they must happen before ends the age.
Countries will fight one another as kingdoms in conflicts immerse,
There will be famine and earthquakes, like first pains of childbirth, or worse!
You'll be arrested and punished and finally be put to death!
Many will give up their faith at that time so to save their own breath.
Many will fall into sin, in their hearts they will hate one another,
In such a state it will happen that brother will betray his own brother.
Many false prophets at these times will come and they'll cause much deception.
Evil will spread very deep so that love will be cold at inception.
But then whoever holds out to the end will indeed then be saved
This will be preached therefore TO all who THESE tribulations have braved
News of the Kingdom will spread through the world for a witness to man
And then the end will arrive as ordained when the whole world began.

Daniel the Prophet he spoke of the most dreadful horror you'll see
It will stand right in the holy of holies for all there to see!
Then those who are in Judea must run to the hills at the back,
People who're caught on the roof-tops must not look for things that they lack,
If you're at work in the fields, you must not think of getting your coat;
You must escape from events of which Daniel, the Prophet, he wrote!
What a disaster for women who' re pregnant or suckling their babes;
Pray to the Lord that it's not on the Sabbath or ON Winter days
These tribulations will be so much harder than anything past,
Or any troubles that are still to come while the world is to last.
God has already reduced the great number of days of the trials
Otherwise there would have been no survivors for miles and for miles!
God has, however, reduced this great number of days which are bad,

So that the chosen can thus still be saved who so still can be glad.
If you hear people declaiming thus: 'Look, people! Here's the Messiah!'
Do not believe what they say, even though they might shout it with fire!
Many false prophets and bogus Messiahs will work many wonders
They will deceive even God's chosen people by speaking in thunders!
If people tell you: 'He IS in the desert!', make sure you don't go there
Or if they say: 'He is hiding in one place!', you'll know they mean: 'Nowhere!'
Lightning from East to the West you'll know MEANS that the Son of Man's coming
All the false prophets and untrue Messiahs, this WILL set them running!
(Where there are dead, you do know that the vultures in droves will be coming!)
Soon after this that the sun will grow dark and the moon will not shine,
Stars will then fall from the sky and the forces of space will decline
From their allotted set courses which God to them first did assign.
Son of Man's sign will appear in the sky and all people will weep
As He appears in the clouds coming forward to them from the deep.
Great will His glory be and great His power as His trumpet sounds
He'll send His angels to cities and valleys of all the Earth's grounds
Gathering those of His choice from one end of the world to the other
Who will from then on to each other will be as sister or brother.

Do let the changes on one simple fig-tree now teach you a lesson:
When the shoots start to grow green and the cold in the air starts to lessen
You'll know that leaves will be growing and you know you'll not just be guessing!
In the same way, when you see all these things, you will know the time's near.
These things I've told you so when they do happen you should feel no fear.
These things will happen before generations that ARE here today
Will disappear from the face of the Earth in their ultimate fray.
Heaven and Earth, they'll both come to an end and will so pass away
But my own words they will not pass away, they for ever will stay!
No one knows when that day or when that hour will come, not e'en I,
Nor any angels but only the Father whom none can defy!
It will be similar to what occurred when good Noah's flood happened,
People did not dream that bad things would happen so they were not saddened;
People got married, they ate and they drank till good Noah's boat sailed
Till the flood suddenly swept them away and then how they all wailed!
So when the Son of Man comes, all the lands, they will be so assailed!
Then of two men, working hard on their land, one of them will be taken,
One will be left to his fate even though he'd be utterly shaken!
Of two girls grinding their meal at a mill, one will surely be taken
One will be left to her fate all in spite of her mind being shaken!
Watch out, since you do not know the true day when your Lord will be coming.
So if an owner did know at what time that the thief would arrive,
He'd stay awake till he came and to keep him outside he would strive
Stopping the burglar from robbing the house and so he'd stay alive!

So then you also must always be ready for my coming back
Since you the knowledge of when I'll be coming you will always lack!

I'd like to ask you now: who is the faithful and very wise servant?
He is the one that his master has placed to look after the rest
Give them their food, see that work's carried out when he so does request
Happy 's the servant who IS found at work when his master comes home
He'll put that servant in charge of the house while he goes off to roam!
But if a servant is bad, he will say that his master's not there
And he will say to himself that he'll not for a long time appear
He'll eat and drink with some drunkards and his fellow servants he'll beat
Then his good master will suddenly come while he's turning up heat!
He'll come with great expectation his good faithful servants to greet
But he will cut the bad servant to pieces, deserving his fate,
So he'll be crying and gnashing his teeth in his sorry state!

Matthew 25.

There were ten girls who all took their oil lamps to the bridegroom's big party,
Five of these were very wise, at the feast they'd behave hale and hearty,
Since they took oil enough so in the dark they would not have to toil.
Foolish were five other girls who did not carry quite enough oil
But the groom had been delayed, so the girls, tired out, went to sleep.
When he arrived, he passed by the ten girls whose sleep now was so deep!
When the guests cried: "Oh! Do come meet the groom!" the ten girls then did wake,
Then the five foolish entreated the wise ones: "Please do, for our sake
Give us some oil as our lamps have gone out, we did not bring enough!"
But these replied: "We do not have enough for all ten, which is tough!
But you can buy some more oil at the store and come back when you're done!"
So they went out of the house to buy oil, filing out one by one,
While they were gone the groom started the feast and he welcomed the wise,
Then he closed all of the doors, no one else could therefore win the prize!
Later the five other girls all arrived crying: "Please let us in!"
But then the groom, he said: "I do not know you!" amidst all the din;
Jesus concluded: "Watch out as you don't know the day I'll come in!"

There was a man who decided to go on a trip for a time,
To call his servants he rang all the bells so they'd make a good chime.
He said: "I'll put you in charge of this whole large estate while I'm gone
I'll give you what you can cope with in money that I have withdrawn.
You're a good servant so I will entrust you with five thousand coins
Here are two thousand for you till your master the household rejoins.

You are less clever, but you could still handle just one thousand coins!"
 Then he left on his long journey with his trusted servants in charge.
 Then the good servant invested the money which did then enlarge
 From the five thousand to fully ten thousand through husbandry wise.
 Soon the amount of the one with two thousand had doubled in size.
 But the one who had one thousand he dug a hole deep in the ground
 Hiding his master's gold coins which to do he had thought was most sound!
 When he came back from his journey he wanted to settle accounts.
 That clever one with five thousand he came and did proudly announce:
 "What you did give me I've doubled so here are ten thousand for you!"
 "You've learned to manage the money!", the master said, "You servant true!
 You can now share my estate, servant, and share my happiness too!"
 Then the next servant who'd had just two thousand announced to his master:
 "What you did give me I've doubled, so here are four thousand for you!"
 "You've learned to manage the money!", the master said, "You servant true!
 You can now share my estate, servant, and share my happiness too!"
 Then came the servant who'd had just one thousand who this did announce:
 "You are a hard man and you only entrusted me with small amounts,
 I know that you reap the harvests in places where you did not plant,
 You gather crops where for scattering seeds you do not have a grant,
 I was afraid so I hid all your money right under the ground,
 Here are your one thousand coins I'm returning now all safe and sound!"
 "You lazy servant! You knew I reap harvests that I did not plant!
 You knew I gathered in crops yet for scattering seeds had no grant!
 Well then! My money you should have deposited in some good banks
 On my return you'd have paid me with interest and got my thanks!
 Now, take the money away from this knave giving it to the one
 Who was so smart as to reach the ten thousand with what he had done!
 To every person who does possess something some more will be given
 And he'll have more than enough as reward for the way he has striven,
 Those who have nothing or just very little, it shall all be taken
 As to this useless of servants, make sure he is properly shaken
 Then throw him out in the darkness until from his state he does waken!"

When I return as a King with the heavenly angels around me
 I'll be on my royal throne with all nations there gathered before me
 .I will divide them then into two groups as a good shepherd would
 Separate sheep from the goats in two groups just as well as he could.
 On my right side I will put all the righteous and then on my left
 I will place all of the others, those destined to stay all bereft!
 Then I will say to those placed on my right in a most friendly tone:
 "Come! All of you who are blessed by my Father His Kingdom to share,
 Which was prepared for you from the time when the earth was only bare,
 When I was hungry you fed me, when thirsting, you gave me a drink,

When I came to you as stranger you welcomed me in just one wink!
When I was naked, you found some warm clothes to protect me from cold,
When I was sick, you did cure me, receiving me into your fold,
I was imprisoned, you visited me, which was better than gold,"
Those on my right will reply to me thus to what they have been told:
"When, Lord, did we ever see you so hungry and give you some food?
When while so thirsty did we give you drinks, so to cheer up your mood?
When did we meet you as stranger and welcome you in our own homes?
When did we meet you all naked and cover up all your bare bones?
When were you sick or imprisoned when we helped you with cheering tones?"
I will reply that whenever you did such kind things to my brothers
It is to me that you did them though to you they appeared to be others!

Then I will say to those people who have been placed here on my left:
"You, who are under God's curse, from His grace you'll be tot'ly bereft!
You shall be thrown into fire eternal which has been prepared
For Satan's angels and those of the devil who mutiny dared.
When I was hungry, it did not occur to you to give me food,
When I was thirsty, that I needed drinks you had not understood.
I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me into your homes,
When I was naked and cold, you did not want to cover my bones.
When I was sick or in jail you ignored all my pain and my moans!"
Then they will answer Him: "When did we see you when you were so starving?
When were you thirsty, a stranger, in prison, or with nothing wearing?"
I will reply that whenever you didn't help people in need
You then refused to help me, by refusing such action indeed;
It is therefore very true that such ones should be punished for ever
Those on my right will receive life eternal for their great endeavour!

Matthew 26.

When Jesus finished with teaching these things, He then thus did declare:
"In two days, as you know, it will be Passover Festival here,
I shall be then handed over to die, so my time is now near!
Then the chief priests and the elders, they met in the palace of Caiaphas
They made plans for the arresting of Jesus but under the surface!
"We must not do it while Passover's on or the people might riot!"
Said the chief priests who decided to keep all their plans very quiet.

Jesus was at Simon's house who had suffered with much skin disease,
While the Lord Jesus was eating a woman flew in like fresh breeze
Laden with one alabaster jar full of expensive perfume;

With which she wished to anoint the Lord Jesus, one has to assume.
She in fact quickly anointed Lord Jesus with what she had brought.

But the disciples became very angry because they had thought
That she'd have done better selling the oil, giving price to the poor.
But Jesus said: "You are bothering her and you'll make her feel sore!

It is a fine and a beautiful thing that she's done for me here.
Please realize there will always be poor of whom you can take care,
But I'll not BE here for long even though I now seem to you real;
She poured the oil over me to make me ready for my own burial.
I tell you that where-so-ever this Gospel is preached on the Earth,
What she has done will be always remembered as sign of new birth!

One bad disciple, named Judas Iscariot, he asked a priest
What price he'd give for betraying Lord Jesus, what would be the least?
Then the chief priest gave him thirty gold coins as the price of the deed,
Judas then looked for some ways of betrayal since he'd lost his creed.

On the first day of the Unleavened Bread the disciples asked Jesus:
"Where do you want to arrange that the Passover meal's readied for us?"

"Go to a certain man right in the City", was Jesus 's answer,
Tell him that you'd eat the Passover meal in his house with your Master"
All the disciples did as they were asked and prepared the feast's meal.

When it was evening, they sat down and Jesus to them did reveal:
"I tell you, one of you sitting here with us will now soon betray me!"
All the disciples kept asking Lord Jesus: "You surely don't mean me?"
Jesus then answered: "The one who dips bread with me in this small dish
Will be the one to betray me, for some days it has been his clear wish!

I will then die as the scriptures have said, having been handed over
To the High Priests, but the one who betrays me will be such a loner
It would have been better FOR him not ever to BE born on Earth"

Judas then said: "Surely you're not talking about my own birth!"
Jesus said: "It's as you say", of surprise for them there was no dearth!

During the meal Jesus picked up some bread with a prayer of thanks,
Broke it and gave some to all the disciples, not counting their ranks

Then He said: "I tell you this is my body so take it and eat it"
He took a cup, giving thanks to Lord God with this message within it:
"All of you, drink it, this is my own blood of the binding new covenant,
For the forgiveness of sins it's poured and will remain ever pertinent

I tell you I will not ever again drink this wine till the day
I drink the new wine with you in my Father's house, so I now say!"
Then Jesus said to them: "This very night all of you'll run away
It has been written in Scriptures that God puts the shepherd away
He's to be killed and without their good shepherd the sheep go astray,

But when I'm raised I will go right ahead of you to Galilee"
Peter said: "Even if all will desert you to leave you I'd never agree!"
Jesus then spoke thus to Peter: "I tell you that ere the cock crows
Thrice you will say you don't know me, protecting yourself from your foes!"
Peter said: "I'll never say such a thing. For I WOULD rather die!"
All the disciples agreed and they uttered the very same cry.
Then to Gethsemane went Jesus with His disciples to pray,
He said: "Sit here while I pray over there while in this place you'll stay"
Peter and Zebedee's sons He took with Him and spoke to them sadly:
"In my own heart now the sorrow's so great that it crushes me badly!
Stay here and keep watch with me while I go just a little bit farther!"
He threw himself with His face on the ground and prayed thus: "Oh my Father!
If it is possible, take from me this cup of suffering now,
Yet it is not what I want that must be, to your will I will bow!"
Then He returned to the three He had left and He found them asleep.
He said to Peter: "How were you not able here my watch to keep?
Keep watch and pray to our God that you will not fall into temptations!
Spirit is willing but flesh is too weak now all over the nations!"
Once more Lord Jesus went off and He prayed to the Lord God His Father :
"If this cup cannot be taken away from myself then I'd rather
Your will be done as it ever must be and I should not ask further!"
To His disciples He did then return but He found them asleep,
Lying there motionless with their eyes closed in a slumber so deep!
Jesus again went away and He prayed the same prayer again,
Then He returned to the sleeping disciples and said to the men:
"Are you still sleeping and resting? But look you! The hour has come!
It is now time for the power of sin, thus to capture the Son!
Here is the man who'll betray me, get up and see how it's done!"

Jesus was still speaking with His disciples when Judas arrived
With a large crowd armed with swords and big clubs with whom he had connived.
Judas had warned them: "The one I will kiss is the one whom you'll want"
Judas went straight up to Jesus and said to Him: "Peace with you, Teacher!"
Kissed Him to show to the crowd which of them to arrest as the Preacher.
Jesus replied: "Do be quick about what you are doing, my friend!"
Then they came up and arrested Lord Jesus as they did intend.
One who was with Jesus unsheathed his sword and then struck the Priest's slave
Cutting his ear then Lord Jesus the following warning He gave:
"Put your sword back in its place because those who must live by the sword
Will often find that to die by the sword will be their just reward!
Do you not know that I could call on Father to help me right now
He'd send an army of ten thousand angels which He would allow,
But then how could Holy Scriptures come true in what will happen now?
Then Jesus spoke to the crowd: "Did you have to come here with your swords

To catch me as a bad outlaw and then claim your soldier's rewards?
Each day I sat down and taught in the Temple you made no arrest,
But all this has had to happen as prophets in Scriptures attest ."
Then the disciples all left Him, as fleeing they now thought was best!

Those who'd arrested Lord Jesus now took Him to see the High Priest
Where all the lawmen were gathered together for one verbal feast!
Peter did follow them but kept his distance and entered a yard
Of the High Priest's house and sat down together with one palace guard.
Inside, the priests and the whole of the Council attempted to find
Things of which they could accuse Jesus that could them legally bind.
Finally two men stepped up and declared that Lord Jesus had said
That He could tear down God's Temple, in three days He' build one instead!
Then the High Priest who was handling the case said: "I do have to ask you,
Have you no answer to this accusation that they bring against you?"
But Jesus did not reply, so the High Priest intoned this demand:
"Are you God's Son, the Messiah, a reply to this is my command!"
Jesus then answered: "It is as you say, but I do tell you all:
You will see this Son of Man on the right of Almighty of all,
He will come down through the heavenly clouds, thus indeed shall befall!"
At this the High Priest, he tore at his clothes and cried: "You do blaspheme!
We don't need any more witnesses, does this not blasphemy seem?"
They answered: 'He's clearly guilty, for blasphemy He must now die!"
Then they did spit in his face and they beat Him while thus they did cry:
"Prophecy for us, Messiah, and guess who did strike at your eye!"

Peter was sitting outside when a servant girl came to him saying:
"You too were one of those people who this man called Jesus were serving!"
But he denied it and said: "I don't know what you `re talking about!"
Then yet another girl saw him who said: "I don't have any doubt
That this man was with that Jesus of Nazareth during the day"
Peter denied it again and said: "This man I don't know, I say!"
After some time, the few men who were standing there started to say:
"You are of course one of them! It's your accent that gives you away!"
Then Peter said: "I do swear I am telling you naught but the truth!
May God then punish me if I am not, this I tell you forsooth:
I do not know the one you are referring to, that's no half-truth!"
Just then the rooster, it started to crow in a neighbouring yard,
Then he remembered Lord Jesus's words, which then did hit him hard!

Matthew 27.

Early next morning the priests and the elders made their final plan,
Which would result in a capital sentence of death for this man!
They tied up Jesus in chains and they handed Him over to Pilate
Hoping that orders from Rome would make sure that his life would be forfeit.
When Judas heard that Lord Jesus had been so unjustly condemned
HE took the money back to the chief priests as he did then repent,
He said: "I've sinned by betraying an innocent man to his death!"
"We do not care!", said the priests, " So you might as well just hold your breath!"
Judas threw down all the coins then he hanged himself on a near tree.
Then the chief priests, they picked up all the coins and said: "We are not free
TO put this money, all tainted with blood, in our own Temple's coffers"
So they decided to purchase a field that was used by some potters
Which would come useful to bury some gentiles which Law would allow
So that this field is still called "field of blood" even right up to now!
What Jeremiah predicted came true in this chain of events:
'They took the thirty coins made of pure silver without any dents
This was the sum that the people of Israel regarded as payment,
It bought the field of the potters as this was then thought to be prudent!'

Governor Pontius Pilate, he had Jesus standing before him;
"Are you the King of the Jews?", is what THIS Roman Governor asked Him.
"It's as you say", said Lord Jesus, but to the chief priests' accusations
HE did not ever reply for which Pilate could find no good reasons.
He said to Jesus: "Do YOU not hear THESE accusations they bring?"
Jesus said nothing as HE thought it better to HIS silence cling.

At every Passover Festival it was the Romans' concession
TO set free one guilty prisoner and the crowd made the selection.
AT that time they had a prisoner whose name was Jesus Barrabas,
So Pilate went to the crowd and he asked them: "Should this be Barrabas?
Or should I liberate this new Messiah who's also called Jesus?"
While Pilate sat in the Great Hall of Judgment his wife sent a message:
"Have naught to do with this innocent man and take note of this passage:
'I suffered much in a dream on account of this man's holy message!'
All the chief priests, they persuaded the crowd so they'd ask for Barrabas,
So that a capital sentence could then be delivered on Jesus.
But Pilate asked: "Which of these condemned people shall I now let go free?"
They roared back loudly: "It IS for Barrabas that our choice shall be!"
"What shall I do with this Jesus who HAS been called your new Messiah?"
"Crucify HIM!", they all shouted, thus choosing this punishment dire!
But Pilate asked: "What's the crime He committed to earn such a fate?"

But they kept shouting out: "To the cross with Him on this very date!"
When Pilate saw that the crowd could not reason, he did not continue,
But took some water and washed both his hands down to every last sinew!
Then he said: "I'm not responsible FOR this man's sentence of death!
IT is your doing so YOU are responsible till your last breath!"
Then the crowd answered: "Let us and our children be punished for this!"
Then their Barrabas he freed, saying: "Look! Here he is!"
He then commanded that Jesus be whipped and then be crucified;
Then Pilate left as he had not saved Jesus, although he had tried!
Then Pilate's soldiers took Jesus inside and they stripped Him quite naked
They put a scarlet robe round Him, a mock-king of Jews they'd created.
They made a crown out of branches of thorns which they placed on His head,
In His right hand they then placed a big stick and then jeering they said:
"King of the Jews, we wish YOU a long life! And pretended to kneel
While they all mocked Him and hit Him though Jesus stayed on even keel.
When they had finished, they took the robe off and put on his own dress,
They led Him out to be crucified as He'd received no redress!

They met a man from Cyrene named Simon who was forced to carry
Jesus's cross as it was very late, there was no time to tarry!
Soon they reached Golgotha, which when translated, means place of the skull
There they gave Jesus a wine mixed with herbs which when tasted seemed dull,
Then it was time for the cruel procedure known AS crucifixion,
By Pilate's sentence this method must be the way OF execution!
So they did nail Him on one wooden cross on which IT was inscribed:
"Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews", which Pilatus prescribed.
Soldiers attending drew lots for His clothes by the throwing of dice,
Also two robbers were crucified with Him, so death occurred thrice!
Folk who were passing, they jeered at Him saying: "Why don't you come down?
If you are truly a King, then why don't you now use your own crown?"

At the noon hour a very deep darkness came over the land,
Which was a sign from above that endured for three hours and
At three o'clock Jesus cried out aloud: "Oh, my God! Oh my God!
Why did you leave me? Oh, why did you leave me? My God! Oh, my God!"
Some people thought He was calling Elijah to come to His aid,
One offered Him a small sponge on a stick soaked in wine that he'd made.
Then Jesus gave a loud cry and then breathed His last breath on the cross.
Then the big curtain that hung in the Temple was torn right across
From top to bottom and quakes then began to unseat many rocks,
Graves broke wide open so those who had died were raised up from their blocks
When all the soldiers who were watching Jesus, they saw the big earthquake,
They were afraid, terrified to behold in the fields such a huge break!
They said aloud: "He indeed must have been the true Son of their God!"

When it was evening, a rich man from Arimethea arrived,
His name was Joseph and he to the teachings of Jesus subscribed
He went to Pilate and asked for possession of Jesus `s corpse,
Pilate gave orders to this same effect with official supports,
So Joseph wrapped it in linen and took it to his own new tomb,
Which he had recently dug thinking his own death might happen soon.
He rolled a large stone in front of the entrance and then went away;
Some women and Mary Magdalene sat there in great disarray.

On the next day, which was Sabbath, the elders with Pilate were meeting,
They said to Pilate: "There is something urgent and time is so fleeting!
This liar Jesus said He would be raised from the dead in three days!
Please do make sure that the tomb is well guarded at least for those days!
Then the disciples can NOT steal the body and say He's been raised!
This last untruth would be worse than the others and send people crazed!"
Pilate then told them to take one smart guard and secure the new tomb,
So they then left and secured the new tomb ere the hour of noon.

Matthew 28.

After the Sabbath, the next Sunday morning, the women returned,
To Jesus' tomb, as if for great events their sad spirits had yearned!
There came an earthquake, an angel from heaven came down,
Rolling the stone well away from the entrance without any sound!
He was as lightning, the garments he wore were as white as the snow
So all the guards were afraid, they became like dead men and lay low.

Thus spoke the angel, addressing the women: "You must have no fear!
You must be looking for crucified Jesus but He is not here!
He has been raised just as He had predicted as you will remember,
Here's the place WHERE He was lying", he said in a tone very tender.
"Go very quickly and tell His disciples that He has been raised,
To Galilee He will go to precede you, on seeing Him don't be amazed!"
SO they left in a great hurry, afraid, yet so filled with much pride
Running to tell the Lord Jesus' disciples that He is alive!
Suddenly out of the blue Jesus came and said: "Peace be with you!"
They then came up to Him, touching His feet, crying: "Oh! Is this true?"
And as they worshipped Him, Jesus said softly: "Do NOT be afraid!,
But tell my brothers that I will be with them so don't be delayed,
I shall be in Galilee very soon by the plan I have made."

While this was happening some of the soldiers who guarded the grave
Went to the City to see the chief priests so themselves they could save,
They told the priests of the strange things that happened outside at the grave.
Elders and priests they then met all together and made up a plan:
"We'll give you soldiers a large sum of money, as much as we can,
You are to say His disciples, they came for the body to steal
During the night while you'd all gone to sleep, shall be our agreed deal!
And if the Governor should hear of this then we all shall insist
You are as innocent as on the day that you all did enlist!"
So then the guards, they accepted the money and did as were told,
Spreading this story which Jews still believe to be true as of old!

Soon the eleven disciples, they went to the Galilee hill
Which was the place indicated by Jesus to tell of His will.
When they drew near Him, they worshipped Him even though some still had doubt
Even though they were so glad that for joy they all wanted to shout.
Jesus drew near them and said: "By authority I have in heaven
And on earth, therefore I give this command to my trusted eleven:
Go to all peoples all over the earth and make THEM my disciples,
And in the name of the Father, the Son and the Lord's Holy Spirit,
Baptize them, but be assured my commands, they are followed up with it!
And I will be with you till this age ends through the work of my Spirit!"