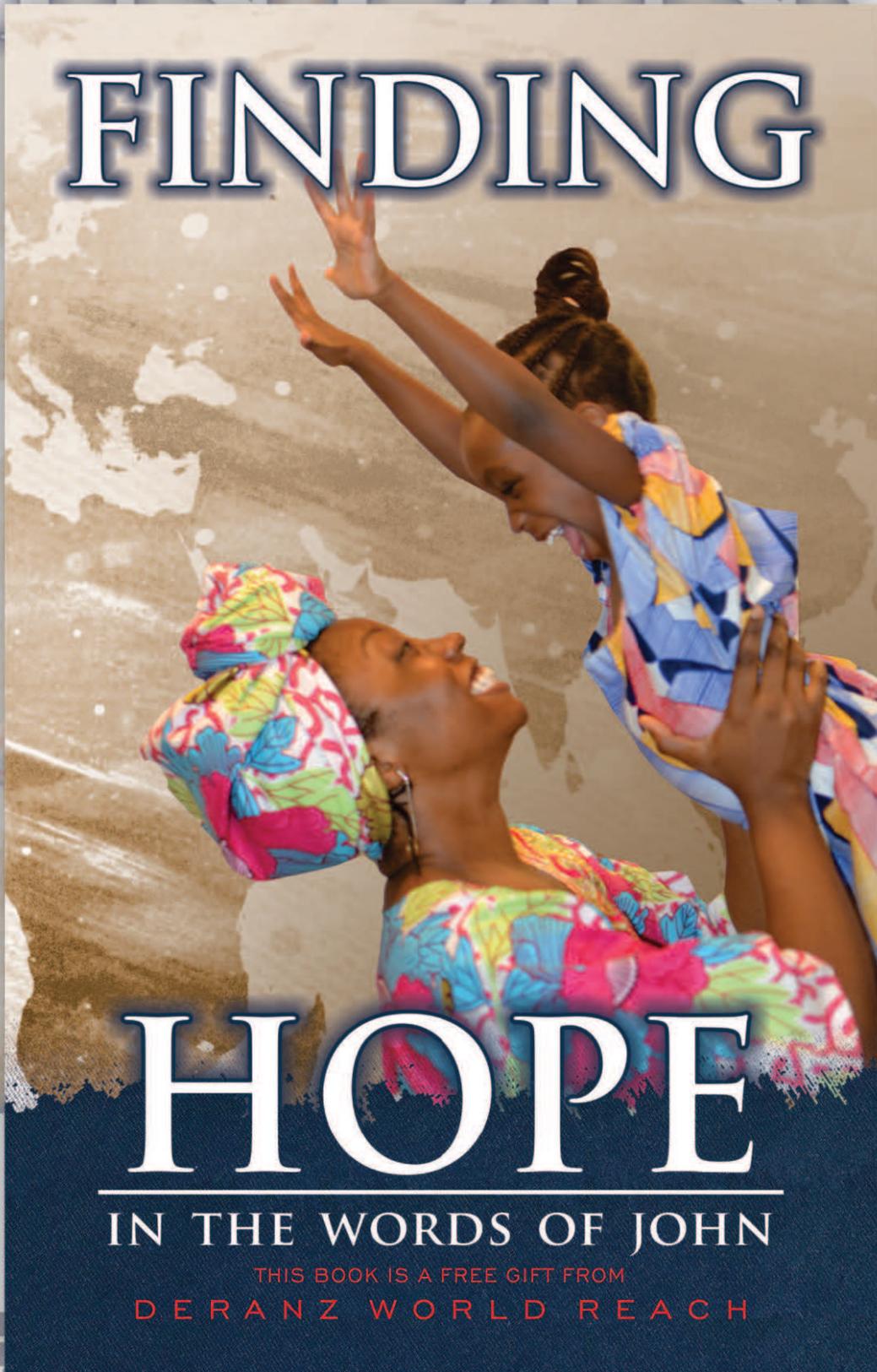


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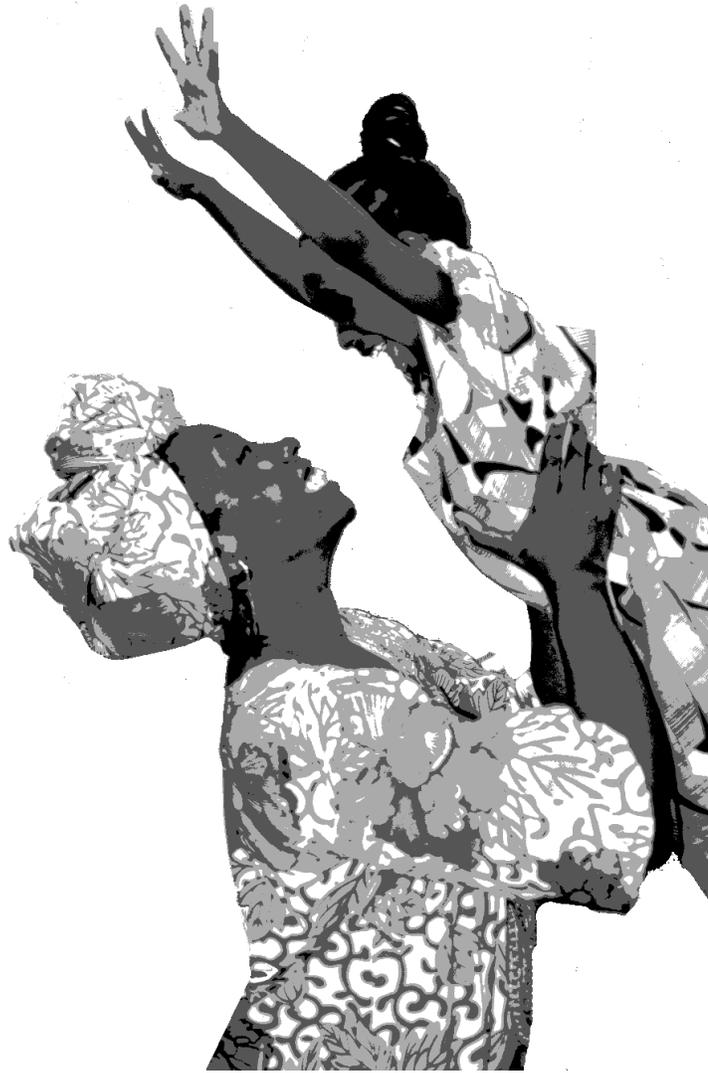
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INTRODUCTION

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“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” *John 15:3 KJV*

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:26, 27 KJV

Everyday we experience the affect of words. Words can make us happy and joyful, or words can make us sad and discouraged. The right words, at the right time, can elevate our soul and fill us with hope; but the wrong words at anytime can crush our spirit and leave us in despair. It can be our own words or it may be the words of others, but the power of words has a profound influence on our emotions at any given moment.

But, have we ever considered that words have the power to cleanse? Jesus told his disciples in the verse above, “You are clean through the word which I have spoken.” When we read the words of Jesus, we are touched to the depth of our being. His words are life. His words restore hope and peace. And His words have the power to transform our lives. His words lift us and empower us, and His word will make us feel clean in a way that no other method of washing can accomplish.

As you read the words in this book, it is my prayer you will experience fresh hope with a clean and renewed heart in the name above all names – Jesus Christ.

Pray this prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, forgive me of my sins and my shameful condition. Cleanse my heart with your word, and change my life forever. I believe you are the Lord of all and I receive you into my heart and life. Fill me with your love and joy, and I will follow you for the rest of my life.

Thank you for the hope I find in your words. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

FOREWORD

PASTOR TEMI AKRAN, TH.D.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

I was born into the Akran royal family as an outcast. My Dad and Mum were separated and divorced by the time I was only four years old. Life took a much different turn. That turn led to one of the darkest moments for me by the time I was eighteen years old.

As I climbed the Third Mainland Bridge in Lagos, Nigeria, with the intent to end my miserable life of pain and failure, I heard a voice, just before I was about to jump, say to me, “*You gave your life to Me ten years ago. The life you are about to end is not yours.*”

With tears flowing down my face and the power of God overwhelming me, I walked back home with a new resolve to find the answers I needed to live life in the fullness of God.

The voice was correct. I had given my life away at an earlier time. When I was only eight years old I made a life changing decision to follow the Lord Jesus Christ at the Old Methodist Church my Grandma took us. Not knowing or being taught the next steps, I just tried to be as good as possible. But, life was hard.

When I was sixteen I became very sick with two different skin conditions, lower back pain, arrhythmia, chronic nasal congestions, shortsightedness, academically challenged, emotionally traumatized and suicidal. All while living with a confused single mum. And by the time I was eighteen, jumping from a bridge seemed to be my only opportunity for relief. But, at the right moment God’s voice spoke to me and forever changed the direction of my life.

“How can I know God’s voice?” you might ask.

Simple, through reading His word. Because it is in His word that we learn what He has said and how He has said it to others. The words in this book are His words. Read them over and over again for in them you will learn what God is saying to you.

For over forty-two years I have walked with God. I have experienced supernatural help, hope, healing and peace. Jesus totally healed me and transformed my life. And He is waiting to do the same for you.

A few years ago we prayed for a lady who got healed of HIV and another person got healed of cancer. So many barren women have become mothers today. So many marriages restored. So many lives changed. I have seen so many miracles of God over the years. Jesus, the Messiah is still working miracles. He wants to perform miracles in your life, too.

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the

Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” John 14:1-14 NKJV

My friend, you need to know that God loves you unconditionally and He has a beautiful plan for you. You need to cooperate with Him to show you His love and His beautiful masterplan for your life.

Your first step is to believe and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior in order to start a relationship with Him. A relationship that is far more satisfying than any religion.

TESTIMONY

JEFF WYLIE

JOHN 14: 1 – 4 (NIV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

I find so much hope in scripture throughout the Bible. The book of John is no exception. I always found hope in the first four verses in John 14 – for myself and for others. These verses speak to me about a very personal Jesus who cares so much for me that he is willing to personally escort me home after I pass from this life. I have used these verses to comfort others who have lost a love one.

Approximately six years ago my wife’s father passed around midnight on the second day of the week. When he passed my wife asked if I would sit with her until her dad’s body was claimed by the mortuary. I sat with her for the next two hours in his dark room.

His last request that evening was that we turn his bed, positioning his feet toward the window so he could watch his last sunset. We now sat, as his body lay there facing the same window he had requested to view. My wife and I live in peace daily but this night the peace that filled the room was unlike anything I had ever felt before or since.

Approximately 1:30 in the morning, while sitting there, I sensed movement to my right coming from the bed her dad’s body was lying in. I turned my head to see a vision of him sitting up in his bed and turning to move his feet and legs out of the bed. In this vision he stepped out of the bed and walked to the doorway and disappeared.

I do not know why the Lord let me see this vision and in fact I couldn't tell my wife for months about this vision. I spent months wondering and asking the Lord why I had been able to see this. The only answer that I have for you is that I love and believe the first four verses in John 14 so much that God decided to bless me by seeing Him take Lynn's dad with him as Jesus explained he would in John 14:3.

Turn your hearts to him and take comfort in knowing that if you ask him He will do for you what He is going to do for me and what He did for my wife Lynn's dad.

Blessings to you, Jeff Wylie.

TESTIMONY

ADERINOLA OTEGBOLA

1 JOHN 4:7-8 (KJV)

“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”

He loves me, He loves me not. Oh! I am convinced without any reasonable doubt that he loves me. Love has a name and it is Jesus!

Growing up, I thought God loved me but, I have to always be in good behavior. I thought if I did anything wrong, God was waiting to strike me like a strict instructor.

The book of 1 John, brought a unique sense of hope to me because it clearly stated and explained that God in himself is LOVE. It reminded me that God is LOVE and LOVE personified is GOD. Love is not only a characteristic of God but love in itself is GOD.

My hope is forever rooted in God’s love. I constantly live as a redeemed child of God with hope for today and great hope for eternity. Knowing and experiencing this kind of love from Christ has changed my heart, especially my compassion and love for others.

I know I don’t deserve God’s love, but he chose to love me so when people don’t have Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, I understand that they are not experiencing this level of love. This then compels me to share my faith and share the hope I have found in the love of Christ.

There's nothing that compares to Jesus; He is our hope for today and tomorrow. Jesus is my living hope. Understanding God's love has brought a renewed sense of hope. I live constantly yearning to be an instrument of hope; a tool to be used to bring the love of Christ to others. The love of Christ in me, is my hope for the best in Christ. Love has a name and it is Jesus!

JOHN - CHAPTER ONE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him nothing was made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shined in darkness; and the darkness did not comprehend him.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came to be a witness, to bear witness of the Light, so that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lights every man that comes into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we witnessed his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John bore witness of him, and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I spoke, he that comes after me is preferred before me, because he was before me. And of his fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the heart of the Father, he has proclaimed him."

And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

He confessed, and did not deny; but said, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elias?"

And he said, "I am not."

"Are you that prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

Then they said to him, "Who are you? So we can give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say of yourself?"

He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said by the prophet Isaiah."

And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they said to him, "Why do you baptize then, if you are not that Christ, nor Elijah, nor that prophet?"

John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water. But there stands one among you, whom you do not know; it is he, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe laces I am not worthy to untie." These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day John sees Jesus coming to him, and says, "Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, a man is coming after me which is preferred before me, because he was before me. And I did not know him, but that he should be manifested to Israel, I come baptizing with water."

And John bore record, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. And I did not know him, but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said to me, 'Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he

which baptizes with the Holy Ghost.' And I saw, and bore record that this is the Son of God."

The next day John, stood with two of his disciples; and looking at Jesus as he walked said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?"

They said to him, "Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where do you dwell?"

He said to them, "Come and see."

They went and saw where he dwelt, and stayed with him that day, because it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah." Which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus.

And when Jesus observed him, he said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah; you shall be called Cephas." (Which is by interpretation, a stone.)

The following day Jesus went to Galilee, and found Philip, and said to him, "Follow me."

Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, wrote about, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

And Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

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

Nathanael said to him, “When have you known me?”

Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

Nathanael answered and said to him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, you believe? You shall see greater things than these.”

And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, from here on you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

JOHN - CHAPTER TWO

On the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus and his disciples, were invited to the marriage. And when the guest wanted wine, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what have I to do with you? My hour has not come yet."

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it."

And setting there were six water pots of stone, used for the method of the purifying for the Jews, each able to contain about eighty to a hundred and twenty litres each.

Jesus said to them, "Fill the pots with water."

And they filled them up to the brim.

And he said to them, "Draw it out now, and take it to the governor of the feast." And they took it.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was turned to wine, he called the bridegroom, and said to him, "At the beginning, every man sets out good wine, and when men have had plenty to drink, then that which is worse gets served. But you have kept the good wine till now." And they did not know where it came from, but the servants which drew the water, knew.

Jesus did this beginning of miracles in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother,

and his brethren, and his disciples. And they continued there for several days.

And the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the temple he discovered those that sold oxen, sheep and doves; and the money changers were sitting there. And when he had made a whip of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and tossed over the tables; and said to them that sold doves, "Take these things away from here; do not make my Father's house a place of merchandise."

And his disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of your house has eaten me up."

Then the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign do you show us, seeing that you did these things?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Then the Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, will you raise it up in three days?"

But he spoke of the temple of his body. When he had risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this to them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, on the feast day, many believed in his name when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself to them, because he knew all men, and did not need for any to testify of man, because he knew what was in man.

JOHN - CHAPTER THREE

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to Jesus by night, and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, because no man can do these miracles that you do, except God be with him.”

Jesus answered and said to him, “I’m telling you the truth when I say to you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter into his mother's womb a second time and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Truly I say to you, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said to you, you must be born again. The wind blows wherever it will and you hear the sound of it, but you can’t tell where it comes from, and where it goes. So is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus answered and said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered and said to him, “Aren’t you a master of Israel, and you don’t know these things? Surely, I say to you, we speak of that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and you do not receive our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and you believe not, how shall you believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man has ascended up to

heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believes on him is not condemned. But he that believes not is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are fashioned in God.”

After these things Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judea, and remained there with them, and baptized. And John was also baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came, and were baptized, because John was not yet cast into prison.

Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came to John, and said to him, “Rabbi, he that was with you beyond Jordan, to whom you bore witness, behold, the same baptizes, and all men come to him.”

John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. You yourselves bore me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom, but the

friend of the bridegroom, which stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. For this my joy is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.

“He that comes from above is above all. He that is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth. He that comes from heaven is above all. And what he has seen and heard, that he testifies and no man receives his testimony. He that has received his testimony has set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God, because God does not give the Spirit by measure to him.

“The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand. He that believes on the Son has everlasting life. And he that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

JOHN - CHAPTER FOUR

Therefore, when the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) he left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. And he needed to go through Samaria.

Then he came to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat there on the well. And it was about the sixth hour. Then a woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (for his disciples were gone away to the city to buy meat.)

Then the woman of Samaria said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, which am a woman of Samaria?" For the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, give me a drink; you would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do you have that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his children, and his cattle?"

Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again. But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I no longer thirst or have to come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You have said correctly, I have no husband. Because, you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband – in that you said honestly.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and you say, that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you shall neither worship the Father in this mountain, nor at Jerusalem. You know not what you worship. We know what we worship for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Because the Father seeks such to worship him. God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming, which is called Christ. When he is come, he will tell us all things.”

Jesus said to her, “I that speak to you am he.”

Then his disciples returned and were amazed that he talked with the woman. Yet no man said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why do you talk with her?”

The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a man, which told me all things that I ever did. Isn’t this the Christ?”

Then they went out of the city, and came to him.

In the mean time his disciples urged him saying, “Master, eat.”

But he said to them, “I have meat to eat that you don’t know of.”

Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has any man brought him something to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Do not say, ‘There are yet four months and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are already white to harvest. And he that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal, that both he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, one sows, and another reaps. I sent you to reap that where you provided no labor. Other men labored, and you are entered into their labors.”

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they requested that he would stay awhile with them. And he dwelt there two days.

And many more believed because of his own word; and said to the woman, “Now we believe, but not because of your saying, but because we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

Now after two days he departed from there and went into Galilee. For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet has no honor in his own country. Then, when he was come into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast, because they also went to the feast.

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

Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders, you will not believe.”

The nobleman said to him, “Sir, come down or else my child will die.”

Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.”

And the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, “Your son lives.”

Then he inquired of them what was the hour when he began to get well.

And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

So the father knew that it was at the same hour, when Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he believed, and his whole house.

This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he came out of Judea into Galilee.

JOHN - CHAPTER FIVE

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool with five porches, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, some blind, some lame, and some with withered limbs, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and disturbed the water. Then whoever was the first to step in after the stirring of the water was made whole of whatever disease they had.

And there was a certain man which had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been there a long time in that case, he said to him, "Will you be made whole?"

The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me in the pool when the water is disturbed. But while I am coming, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk."

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked. And it was the Sabbath on that same day.

The Jews said to him that was cured, "It is the Sabbath day, and it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

He answered them, "He that made me whole said to me, take up your bed, and walk."

Then they asked him, "What man said to you, take up your bed and walk?"

And he that was healed did not know who it was, because Jesus had moved away, being that a multitude was in the place.

Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you are made whole. Sin no more unless a worse thing comes to you."

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

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working all this time and I work."

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he had not only broken the Sabbath, but also said that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do. For whatever things he does, these the Son does likewise. Because the Father loves the Son, and shows him all things that he does himself. And he will show him greater works than these, that you may be amazed. For as the Father raises up the dead, and makes them alive; even so the Son makes alive whom he will. For the Father judges no man, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which has sent him.

"Surely I say to you, he that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life.

"Surely I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. For as the Father has life in himself; so has he given to the Son to have life in himself; and has given him

authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

“Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, when all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation.

“I can do nothing of mine own self. As I hear, I judge and my judgment is just, because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which has sent me.

“If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that bears witness of me, and I know that the witness which he witnesses of me is true. You sent men to John, and he bore witness to the truth. But I receive not testimony from man, but I say these things, that you might be saved.

“He was a burning and a shining light and you were willing to rejoice in his light for a season. But I have a greater witness than that of John, because the works which the Father has given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father has sent me. And the Father himself, which has sent me, has borne witness of me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And you do not have his word abiding in you, because whom he has sent, him you do not believe.

“Search the scriptures, because in them you think you have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. And you will not come to me, that you might have life. I receive not honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

“I am come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another shall come in his own name, you will receive him. How can you believe, which receive honor one of another, and not seek the honor that comes from God only?

“Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one that accuses you, even Moses, in whom you trust. For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how shall you believe my words?”

JOHN - CHAPTER SIX

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

When Jesus lifted up his eyes, and saw a great crowd of people coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" He said this to test him because he knew what he would do.

Philip answered him, "Fifteen thousand dollars worth of bread is not enough to feed them so everyone of them may take a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a lad here, which has five barley loaves, and two small fishes. But what are they among so many?"

And Jesus said, "Make the men sit down." Now there was a lot of grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand of them.

And Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they wanted. When they were filled, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so nothing is lost."

Then they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which

remained over and above to them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, “This is certainly the prophet that should come into the world.”

When Jesus perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain alone by himself.

And when the evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, and entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was dark, and Jesus had not come to them. And the sea arose because of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five kilometers, they saw Jesus walking on the sea, and coming near the ship. And they were afraid.

But he said to them, “It is I; don’t be afraid.”

Then they willingly received him into the ship, and immediately the ship was at the land where they were going.

The following day, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, only that one which his disciples entered, and that Jesus did not go with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone, (however, other boats came from Tiberias near to the place where they ate bread, after that the Lord had given thanks) when the people saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they also took to their ships and came to Capernaum, looking for Jesus.

And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, Truly, I say to you, you are not seeking me because you saw the miracles, but because you were filled when you ate the loaves of bread. Don’t work for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give to you; for him has God the Father sealed.”

Then they said to him, “What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe on him whom he has sent.”

They said to him, “What sign do you show then, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you? Our fathers ate manna in the desert, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, Moses did not give you that bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.”

Then they said to him, “Lord, give us this bread for evermore.”

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life, he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst. But I say to you, that you also have seen me, and don’t believe. All that the Father gives me shall come to me; and him that comes to me I will in no way cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which has sent me, that of all which he has given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which sees the Son, and believes on him, may have everlasting life. And I will raise him up at the last day.”

Then the Jews murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that he says, I came down from heaven?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which has sent me draw him, and I will raise him up

at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every man that has heard, and has learned of the Father, comes to me. Not that any man has seen the Father, except he which is of God, he has seen the Father.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, He that believes on me has everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

The Jews struggled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Then Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, dwells in me, and I in him.

“As the living Father has sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eats me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven. Not as your fathers ate manna, and are dead. He that eats of this bread shall live forever.” He said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

When many of his disciples had heard this, said, “This is a hard saying; who can hear it?”

When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said to them, “Does this offend you? What and if you shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that makes you alive, the flesh profits nothing.

The words that I speak to you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that did not believe, and who would betray him.

And he said, “I said to you, that no man can come to me, except it were given to him of my Father.”

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked with him no more.

Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Will you also go away?”

Then Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that you are that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus answered them, “I have chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?” He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Because it was he that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

JOHN - CHAPTER SEVEN

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee, but would not walk in Judea, because the Jews wanted to kill him. Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

Then his brothers said to him, "Let's leave here and go to Judea, so your disciples can also see the works you do. Men who can do these things want to be seen openly. They don't try to keep it a secret. If you can do these things, show yourself to the world." They said this because they did not believe in him either.

Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not come yet, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you; but it hates me, because I testify that its works are evil. Go up to the feast. I will not go up yet because my time has not yet fully come."

When he had said these words to them, he remained in Galilee. But when his brothers were gone up, then he went up also to the feast, not openly, but in secret.

Then the Jews watched for him at the feast and said, "Where is he?"

And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him, for some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he deceives the people." However, no man spoke openly of him because they were afraid of the Jews.

Now about the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this man know the letters, having never learned?"

Jesus answered them, and said, “My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaks of himself seeks his own glory, but he that seeks his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Didn’t Moses give you the law, yet none of you keep the law? Why do you go about planning to kill me?”

The people answered and said, “You have a devil. Who’s planning to kill you?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “I have done one work, and you all marvel. Moses gave you circumcision; (not because it was of Moses, but of the fathers;) and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath day. If a man can receive circumcision on the Sabbath day and the Law of Moses is not broken, why are you angry at me, because I have made a man every bit whole on the Sabbath day? Don’t Judge according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

Then some of them from Jerusalem said, “Isn’t this he, whom they seek to kill? But, look, he speaks boldly, and they say nothing to him. Do the rulers know that this indeed is the very Christ? However, we know this man and where he is from, but when Christ comes, no man knows the place he comes from.”

Then Jesus cried in the temple as he taught, saying, “You both know me, and you know from where I am. And I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom you know not. But I know him, because I am from him, and he has sent me.”

Then they sought to take him, but no man laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. And many of the people believed on him, and said, “When Christ comes, will he do more miracles than these which this man has done?”

The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

Then Jesus said to them, “For a little while I am with you, and then I go to him that sent me. You shall seek me, and shall not find me, and where I am, there you cannot come.”

Then the Jews said among themselves, “Where will he go, that we shall not find him? Will he go to the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? What kind of saying is this that he said, ‘You shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, there you cannot come?’”

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, “If any man thirst, let him come to me, and drink. He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” This he spoke of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive. But the Holy Ghost was not given yet, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.

Many of the people, when they heard this said, “It is true, this is the Prophet.”

Others said, “This is the Christ.”

But some said, “Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hasn’t the scripture said, ‘That Christ comes from the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?’”

So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said to them, “Why haven’t you brought him?”

The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man.”

Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed on him? But these people who do not know the law are cursed.”

Nicodemus said to them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) “Does our law judge any man, before it hears him, and knows what he does?”

They answered and said to him, “Are you also of Galilee? Search, and look, because out of Galilee there arises no prophet.”

And every man went to his own house.

JOHN - CHAPTER EIGHT

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him; and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to him caught in adultery; and when they set her in front of him, they said to him, "Master, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned to death. But what do you say?"

They said this, tempting him, that they might have a reason to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he had not heard them.

So when they continued asking him, he got up and said to them, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her." And he again stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the oldest, even to the last, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing in front of him.

When Jesus had lifted himself up, and saw no one but the woman, he said to her, "Woman, where are your accusers? Has any man condemned you?"

She said, "No man, Lord."

And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

The Pharisees said to him, “You bear record of yourself; your record is not true.”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Though I bear record of myself, my record is still true, because I know where I come from and where I go. But you cannot tell where I come from and where I go. You judge after the flesh, I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true because I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bears witness of me.”

Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?”

Jesus answered, “You neither know me, nor my Father. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.” These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple and no man laid hands on him for his hour had not come yet.

Then Jesus said to them again, “I go my way, and you shall seek me, and shall die in your sins – where I go, you cannot come.”

Then the Jews said, “Will he kill himself? Because he said, ‘Where I go, you cannot come.’”

And he said to them, “You are from beneath, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you, that you shall die in your sins, for if you believe not that I am he, you shall die in your sins.”

Then they said to him, “Who are you?”

And Jesus said to them, “Even the same that I said to you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge

of you, but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.”

They did not understand that he spoke to them of the Father.

Then Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you shall know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father has taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me. The Father has not left me alone, because I always do those things that please him.”

As he spoke these words, many believed on him.

Then Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, “If you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

They answered him, “We are Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man. How can you say, ‘You shall be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, Whoever commits sin is the servant of sin. And the servant dwells not in the house forever, but the Son dwells forever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. I know that you are Abraham's seed; but you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father, and you do that which you have seen with your father.”

They answered and said to him, “Abraham is our father.”

Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill me, a man that has told you the truth, which I have heard of God. This would not be done by Abraham. You do the deeds of your father.”

Then they said to him, “We are not fatherless; we have one Father, even God.”

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, because I came forth from God; I did not come of myself, but he sent me. Why don’t you understand my speech? Because you cannot hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and did not abide in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own, because he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, you don’t believe me. Which of you convinces me of sin? And if I say the truth, why don’t you believe me? He that is of God hears God’s words. You however do not hear them, because you are not of God.”

Then the Jews answered and said to him, “Haven’t we said accurately that you are a Samaritan, and have a devil?”

Jesus answered, “I do not have a devil; but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. And I do not seek my own glory; there is one that seeks and judges. Truly, truly, I say to you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”

Then the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and you say, ‘If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? And the prophets are dead, who do you think you are?”

Jesus answered, “If I honor myself, my honor is nothing, it is my Father that honored me; of whom you say, that he is your God. Yet you have not known him. But I know him, and if I should say, I don’t know him, I shall be a liar like you. But I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it, and was glad.”

Then the Jews said to him, “You aren’t even fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

Then they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and passed by.

JOHN - CHAPTER NINE

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, “Master, who sinned, this man, or his parents, for him to be born blind?”

Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned to cause this blindness. But, the works of God shall be manifested in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night comes when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he finished speaking, he spat on the ground, and made clay with the dirt and spit, then he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which means, Sent).”

Then he went his way and washed, and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those which had seen him before, and knew that he was blind, said, “Isn’t this he that sat and begged?”

Some said, “This is he.”

Others said, “He is like him.”

But he said, “I am he.”

Then they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

He answered and said, “A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash.’ And I went and washed, and I received sight.”

Then they said to him, "Where is he?"

He said, "I don't know."

Then they brought the man that had been blind to the Pharisees. And it was the Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight.

He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and do see."

Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not of God, because he does not keep the Sabbath day."

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

And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him that opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe that he had been blind, and received his sight, till they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind, but by what methods he now sees, we don't know, nor do we know who has opened his eyes. He is a grown man, ask him, he can speak for himself." His parents spoke these words, because they feared the Jews. Because the Jews had already agreed, that if any man confessed that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

Therefore his parents said, "He is a grown man, ask him."

Then they again called the man that had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise. We know that this man is a sinner."

He answered and said, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know is that I was blind, but now I see."

Then they said to him again, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

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

Then they condemned him, and said, "You are his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we don't know where he is from."

Then the man answered and said to them, "Why here is a marvelous thing, that you don't know where he is from, yet he has opened my eyes. Now we know that God does not hear sinners, but if any man is a worshipper of God, and does his will, him he hears. Since the world began has it been heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing."

They answered and said to him, "You were born in sin, and now you teach us?" Then they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

He answered and said, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe in him?"

And Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he that talks to you."

And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him.

And Jesus said, “Because of judgment I have come into this world, so they which do not see, may see; and so they which see, may become blind.”

And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said to him, “Are we blind also?”

Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you say, ‘We see;’ therefore your sin remains.”

JOHN - CHAPTER TEN

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he that has not entered by the door into the sheep pen, but climbed up some other way, is a thief and a robber. But he that entered in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. And when he sends his own sheep out, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him because they don’t recognize the voice of strangers.”

Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they did not understand the things which he said to them.

Then Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All that came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. By me, if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. The thief only comes to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. But he that is a hired hand, and not the shepherd to whom the sheep belong, they do not see the wolf coming, and they leave the sheep and flee. And the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep. The hired hand flees, because he is an employee, and does not care about the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and they know me. As the Father knows me, likewise I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep which are not of this fold and I must also bring them. They shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

“For this reason my Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it up again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this commandment from my Father.”

The Jews were divided again because of these sayings. And many of them said, “He has a devil, and is insane; why do you listen to him?”

Others said, “These are not the words of a man that has a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?”

And it was at Jerusalem during the feast of dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Then the Jews came and gathered around him, and said to him, “How long are you going to make us wonder? If you are the Christ, just tell us.”

Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you did not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep. As I have said to you, my sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them to me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.”

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father; for which of those works do you stone me?"

The Jews answered him, saying, "We are not stoning you for a good work; but for blasphemy; and because that you, being a man, make yourself God."

Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"'"?

"If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; are you saying of him, whom the Father has sanctified, and sent into the world, 'You blaspheme,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

"If I do not do the works of my Father, don't believe me. But if I do, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so you may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."

Then they sought again to take him, but he escaped out of their hand, and went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John first baptized him; and there he dwelled.

And many deliberated about him and said, "John did not do a miracle. But all the things that John said about this man were true."

And many believed on him there.

JOHN - CHAPTER ELEVEN

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

Then his sisters sent a message to him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom you love is sick."

When Jesus heard that, he said, "This sickness will not end in death, but will happen for the glory of God, so the Son of God may be glorified."

Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. Therefore, when he had heard that he was sick stayed two more days in the same place where he was. Then after that he said to his disciples, "Let's go to Judea again."

His disciples said to him, "Master, the Jews recently sought to stone you; and you're going there again?"

Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbles, because there is no light in him."

After these things he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may wake him out of sleep."

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

However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that he had spoken of him taking rest in sleep.

Then Jesus plainly said to them, "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, for the intent you may believe; nevertheless, let's go to him."

Then Thomas, which is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go also, so we can die with him."

Then when Jesus arrived he discovered that he had already been in the grave four days.

Bethany was near Jerusalem, about three kilometers away. Many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, Martha went and met him, but Mary sat still in the house.

Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died. But I know, that even now, whatever you will ask of God, God will give it to you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

Martha said to him, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection, and the life. He that believes in me, even if he were dead, shall live. Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die, they will live forever. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." And when she had said this, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, "The Master is here and calls for you." As soon as she heard that, she rose up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met him. Then the Jews which were with her in the house comforting her saw that Mary rose up and quickly went out, followed her, saying, "She's going to the grave to weep there."

Then when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

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

They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, “Behold how he loved him!”

And some of them said, “Couldn’t this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?”

Jesus again groaning in himself came to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay on it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of him that was dead, said to him, “Lord, by this time he stinks, because he has been dead four days.”

Jesus said to her, “Didn’t I say to you, that, if you would believe, you would see the glory of God?”

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. And I know that you always hear me. But because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that you have sent me.”

And when he had spoken, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”

And he that was dead came out, bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth.

Jesus said to them, “Unwrap him, and set him free.”

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

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered for a meeting and said, "What should we do? Because this man does many miracles. If we leave him alone, all men will believe in him and the Romans will come and take away our place and nation."

And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, nor consider that it is beneficial for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish." He did not say this about himself, but because he was the high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation only, but that he also should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day on they planned together to put him to death.

Then Jesus stopped walking openly among the Jews; but went to a country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued to be with his disciples.

And the Jews' Passover was near at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. Then they looked for Jesus, and said among themselves, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think, will he come to the feast?"

Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given strict orders that if anyone knew where Jesus was, to report it to them, so they could arrest him.

JOHN - CHAPTER TWELVE

Then six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served. But Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then Mary took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

Then one of his disciples said, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, "Why wasn't this ointment sold for three thousand dollars, and given to the poor?" He did not say this because he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the money bag, and carried what was put therein.

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She has done this for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor with you; but you will not always have me."

Many of the Jews knew that he was there and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests consulted how they might also put Lazarus to death. It was because of him that many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

On the next day there were many people that came to the feast when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. They took branches of palm trees, and went out to meet him,

and cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the name of the Lord.”

And Jesus, when he had found a young donkey, sat on it, because it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King comes, sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, they remembered that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things to him.

The people that were with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave and raised him from the dead, were witnesses. Because of this the people also went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this miracle.

The Pharisees said among themselves, “Can you see there is nothing we can do to stop these people from following him? Behold, the world has gone after him.”

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast. The same Greeks came to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and requested saying, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.”

Philip went and told Andrew; and then Andrew and Philip told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone. But if it die, it brings forth much fruit. He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also. If any man serve me, my Father will honor him. Now my soul is troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour. But for this reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

The people that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered. Others said, “An angel spoke to him.”

Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world. Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me.” He said this to reveal what kind of death he was going to die.

The people answered him, “We have heard out of the law that Christ abides for ever. So how do you say, ‘The Son of man must be lifted up?’ Who is this Son of man?”

Then Jesus said to them, “For a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, before darkness comes upon you, because he that walks in darkness does not know where he goes. While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light.” Jesus said these things and departed, and hid from them.

But even though he had done so many miracles before them, they did not believe on him, that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

Therefore, they could not believe, because that Isaiah said again, “He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.” These things Isaiah said when he saw his glory, and spoke of him.

Nevertheless, many among the chief rulers also believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him for fear of being put out of the synagogue, because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Jesus cried and said, “He that believes on me, believes not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that sees me sees

him that sent me. I am come as a light into the world, so whoever believes on me should not dwell in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not. I didn't come to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejects me, and does not receive my words, has one that judges him. The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting. Whatever I speak therefore, even as the Father said to me, so I speak."

JOHN - CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come that he should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them to the end. And when supper had ended, the devil having now put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and would be returning to God; rose up from supper, and laid his garments aside; and took a towel, and wrapped it around himself. After that, he poured water into a washbowl, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to dry them with the towel he had wrapped around himself.

Then Simon Peter came and said to him, "Lord, are you planning to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you will not understand for now; but you will understand later."

Peter said to him, "You should never wash my feet."

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only, but my hands also and my head."

Jesus said to him, "He that is washed only needs to wash his feet to be completely clean; and you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him and that is why he said, "You are not all clean."

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and sat down again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord; and you say correctly, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If you know these things, you are happy if you do them. I speak not of you all. I know whom I have chosen, but so the scripture may be fulfilled, he that eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, you may believe that I am he. Truly I say to you, He that receives whomever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me.”

When Jesus said that, he was troubled in his spirit and testified, and said, “Truly. Truly I say to you, that one of you shall betray me.”

Then the disciples looked at one another, questioning of whom he spoke. Now one of the disciples, whom Jesus loved, was leaning against him. So Simon Peter motioned to him, that he should ask who it would be that he was speaking about. He then leaning against Jesus' chest said to him, “Lord, who is it?”

Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread once I have dipped it.” And when he had dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after receiving the dipped bread, Satan entered into him.

Then Jesus said to him, “That which you will do, do quickly.”

Now no man at the table knew the reason he said this to him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the purse, that Jesus had said to him, “Buy the things that we

need for the feast”; or, that he should give something to the poor. Then, having received the dipped bread, he went out immediately. And it was night.

Then, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall promptly glorify him.

“Little children, for a little while I am with you. You shall seek me, and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I go, you cannot come.’

“So now I say to you, a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where will you go?”

Jesus answered him, “Where I go, you can’t follow me now; but you shall follow me later.”

Peter said to him, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for your sake.”

Jesus answered him, “Will you lay down your life for my sake? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.”

JOHN - CHAPTER FOURTEEN

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

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you're going; how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father, but by me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. And from now on you know him, and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it will be enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Philip, have I been with you such a long time and yet you don't know me? He that has seen me has seen the Father; so how then can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak of myself, but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me, or else believe me for the sake of the works.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he that believes in me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father. And whatever you shall ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be

glorified in the Son. If you shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see him, neither knows him. But you know him; because he dwells with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see me; but you see me and because I live, you will live also. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He that has my commandments, and keeps them, loves me, and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?”

Jesus answered and said to him, “If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our dwelling with him. He that loves me not will not keep my sayings, and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

“These things I have spoken to you, while being present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance that I have said to you.

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, but not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard how I said to you, ‘I go away, and come again to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice, because I said, ‘I go to the Father’. because my Father is greater than I.

“And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it comes to pass, you may believe. From now on I will not talk much with you, because the prince of this world

comes and has nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.

“Arise, let us go from here.”

JOHN - CHAPTER FIFTEEN

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine; neither can you anymore unless you abide in me.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast off as a branch, and withers; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you.

“In this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you shall be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you, continue in my love. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. I have spoken these things to you, so my joy will remain in you, and that your joy will be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you.

“From now on I do not call you servants; for the servant does not know what his lord does, but I have called you

friends; for all things that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

“These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hate you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love his own, but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘The servant is not greater than his lord.’ If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

“But all these things they will do to you for my name's sake, because they don't know him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have known sin, but now they have no cover for their sin.

“He that hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done the works among them that no other man has ever done, they would not have known sin, but now they have both seen and hated me and my Father. But this comes to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause.’

“But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me, and you also shall bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

JOHN - CHAPTER SIXTEEN

“I have spoken these things to you, that you should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues. Yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he is doing God a service. And these things they will do to you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.

“But these things I have told you, that when the time shall come, you may remember that I told you of them. And I did not say these things to you at the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you ask me, ‘Where are you going?’ But, because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is beneficial for you that I go away, because if I don’t go away, the Comforter will not come to you, but if I depart, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Of sin, because they do not believe on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and you see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. Because he shall not speak of himself; but whatever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come.

“He shall glorify me, because he will receive from me and will show it to you. All things that the Father has are mine: therefore I said, that he shall receive from me, and will show

it to you. In a little while you will not see me, and again in a little while you will see me, because I go to the Father.”

Then some of his disciples said among themselves, “What is this that he says to us, ‘In a little while you will not see me, and again in a little while you will see me’, and, ‘Because I go to the Father?’”

Others questioned, “What is this that he said, ‘a little while?’ We can’t tell what he is saying.”

Now Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, and said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see me’, and again, ‘a little while, and you will see me?’

“Truly, truly, I say to you, that you shall cry and mourn, but the world will rejoice, and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

“A woman when she is in labor feels sorrow, because her hour has come. But as soon as she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And therefore, you now have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no man can take your joy from you. And in that day you will ask me nothing.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Up till now you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.

“I have spoken these things to you in proverbs. But the time comes when I will no longer speak to you in proverbs, but I will clearly show you the Father. At that day you shall ask in my name; and I won’t say to you, that I will pray to the Father for you, because the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come

into the world. Again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.”

His disciples said to him, “See, now you are speaking clearly, and not in a proverb. Now we are sure that you know all things, and do not need that any man should ask you. Because of this, we believe that you came forth from God.”

Jesus answered them, “Do you believe now? Behold, the hour is coming and yes, is now here, that you will be scattered, every man on his own, and you will leave me alone. Yet, I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have spoken these things to you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be joyful; I have overcome the world.”

JOHN - CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Jesus spoke these words and lifted his eyes up to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you, as you have given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as you have given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have glorified you on the earth. I have finished the work which you gave me to do.

“And now, O Father, you glorify me with your own self and with the glory which I had with you before the world was. I have manifested your name to the men which you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and they have kept your word. Now they have known that all things which you have given me are of you.

“Because I have given the words to them which you gave me; and they have received them, and have known for sure that I came out from you, and they have believed that you did send me. I pray for them. I don’t pray for the world, but for them which you have given me; for they are yours.

“And all mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to you. Holy Father, keep through your own name those whom you have given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name; those that you gave me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

“And now I come to you; and I speak these things in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

“I don’t pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through your truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, even so I have also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

“Neither do I pray for these alone, but also for them which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they may also be one in us; that the world may believe that you have sent me.

“And the glory which you gave me I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have loved them, as you have loved me.

“Father, I also pray that they, whom you have given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which you have given me. Because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“O righteous Father, the world has not known you; but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. And I have declared your name to them, and will declare it; that the love in which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

JOHN - CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus went there often with his disciples. Then Judas, with a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Therefore, Jesus, knowing all the things that should come upon him, went forth and said unto them, "Whom do you seek?"

They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I am he."

And Judas, which betrayed him, stood with them. Then as soon as he had said to them, "I am he," they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Then he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am he. Therefore, if you seek me, let these go their way," that the saying might be fulfilled, which he spoke, 'Of them which you gave me I have lost none.'"

Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Then Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword in the case. Shouldn’t I drink the cup which my Father has given me?”

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was beneficial that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known by the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then that other disciple, which was known by the high priest, went out and spoke to her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then the young woman that kept the door said to Peter, “Aren’t you also one of this man's disciples?”

He said, “I am not.”

And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; because it was cold, and they warmed themselves, and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

The high priest then asked Jesus about his disciples, and his doctrine.

Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world; I even taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, where the Jews always gathered; and I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask them which heard me, what I said to them: behold, they know what I said.”

And when he said this, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, “Do you answer the high priest so?”

Jesus answered him, “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil, but if well, why do you strike me?”

Now Annas had sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Then they said to him, “Aren’t you also one of his disciples?”

He denied it, and said, “I am not.”

Then one of the servants of the high priest, being a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Didn’t I see you in the garden with him?”

Peter then denied again, and immediately the cock crew.

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the hall of judgment; and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover.

Pilate then went out to them, and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?”

They answered and said to him, “If he were not a criminal, we would not have delivered him to you.”

Then Pilate said to them, “You take him, and judge him according to your law.”

Then the Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put any man to death.” That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spoke, signifying the type of death he should die.

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you to me. What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

Therefore, Pilate said to him, “Are you a king then?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born to this end, and for this reason I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice.”

Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” And when he said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in him at all. But you have a custom, that I should release someone to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews?”

Then they all cried out saying, “Not this man, but Barabbas.” Now Barabbas was a robber.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

Then Pilate took Jesus, and had him severely beaten. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him with their hands.

Then Pilate went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I present him to you again, so you may know that I find no fault in him."

Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe.

And Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

When the chief priests and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him."

Pilate said to them, "You take him, and crucify him, because I find no fault in him."

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard that saying, he was even more afraid; and went in again to the judgment hall, and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?"

But Jesus did not answer him.

Then Pilate said to him, "Are you not going to speak to me? Don't you know that I have the power to crucify you, and have power to release you?"

Jesus answered, "You would have no power against me at all, unless it were given to you from above. Therefore, he that delivered me to you has the greater sin."

And from that time forward Pilate sought to have him released. But the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he brought Jesus in and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour; and he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

But they cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him."

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priest answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

Then he delivered him to them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And bearing his cross he went to a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha; where they crucified him, and two others with him, one on either side, and Jesus in the middle.

And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin.

Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews."

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

Then when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from

the top throughout. Therefore they said among themselves, Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide whose it shall be; so that the scripture might be fulfilled, which says, "They parted my garments among them, and cast lots for my clothing." The soldiers did these things.

Now standing there by the cross of Jesus was his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that time on the disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus knew that all things were accomplished, and so the scripture would be fulfilled, said, "I thirst." Now there was a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished." And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Then the Jews, because it was the preparation for the Sabbath, pleaded with Pilate to have their legs broken, and that they should not remain on the cross, because it was a special day. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was already dead, did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers took a spear and pierced his side, and blood and water immediately flowed out.

And he that saw it testifies for the record, and his record is true. And he knows that he said the truth, so you may believe. Because these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, "A bone of him shall not be broken." And again another scripture said, "They shall look on him whom they pierced."

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, implored Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave him permission so he came and took the body of Jesus.

And Nicodemus came also, (he first visited Jesus during the night) and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about forty-five kilograms. Then they took the body of Jesus, and wrapped it in linen clothes with the spices, as is the manner of burying for the Jews.

In the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb which had never been used. There they laid Jesus because the grave was near at hand and because the Jew's day of preparation was near.

JOHN - CHAPTER TWENTY

The first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came early, when it was still dark, to the grave, and saw the stone taken away from the tomb. Then she ran to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord away out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Then Peter rushed out, and that other disciple, and ran to the tomb. They both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter, and made it to the tomb first. And stooping down, and looking in, he saw the linen clothes lying there but did not go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived following him, and went into the tomb, and saw the linen clothes lying, and the fabric that was around his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple went in also, which first came to the grave, and he saw, and believed. Because, so far they did not know the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away to their own homes.

But Mary stood outside at the grave weeping, and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the tomb, and saw two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been.

And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have moved him.” And

when she had said that, she turned back around, and saw Jesus standing, but did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who do you seek?”

Assuming he was the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him from here, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned and said to him, “Rabboni;” which is to say, Master.

Jesus said to her, “Don’t touch me because I have not yet ascended to my Father, but go to my brethren, and say to them, I ascend to my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.”

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

Then at the evening of the same day, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst of them, and said, “Peace to you.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad, when they saw the Lord.

Then Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you, as my Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Ghost. Whoever’s sins you remit, they are remitted to them; and whoever’s sins you retain, they are retained.”

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. Therefore, the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

But he said to them, “Unless I shall see the proof of the nails having been in his hands, and put my finger into the

place where the nails were, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Eight days later his disciples were gathered again, and Thomas was with them. Then Jesus arrived, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you.”

Then he said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and observe my hands; and reach here with your hand, and thrust it into my side, and do not be without faith, but believe.”

And Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God.”

Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

And many other signs Jesus truly did in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life through his name.

JOHN - CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

After these things, and in this manner, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples again at the sea of Tiberias. Together, there were Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two of his other disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing."

They said to him, "We will go with you also."

Then they went out and immediately got into a boat, but they caught nothing that entire night. When the morning came, Jesus was standing on the shore: but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Then Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any meat?"

They answered him, "No."

Then he said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find them."

So they cast their net where he said, and now they were not able to pull it in because there were so many fishes.

Then that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord."

Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his fisher's coat around himself, (because he was naked) and dived into the sea.

And the other disciples came in a little boat; (because they were not far from land, but were about ninety meters

out) dragging the net filled with fish. As soon as they came to land, they saw a fire there, and fish and bread laid on it.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you just caught."

Simon Peter went up, and pulled the net full of fish to land, one hundred and fifty-three, and even though there were so many, the net was still not broken.

Jesus said to them, "Come and eat."

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" Knowing that it was the Lord.

Then Jesus took bread and some fish, and gave it to them. This is now the third time that Jesus revealed himself to his disciples, after that he had raised from the dead.

So when they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me more than these?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

He said to him, "Feed my sheep."

He said to him a third time, "Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me?"

Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you clothed yourself, and walked wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will secure you, and carry you where you would not go." He spoke this, indicating the way

he would die and glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he said to him, "Follow me."

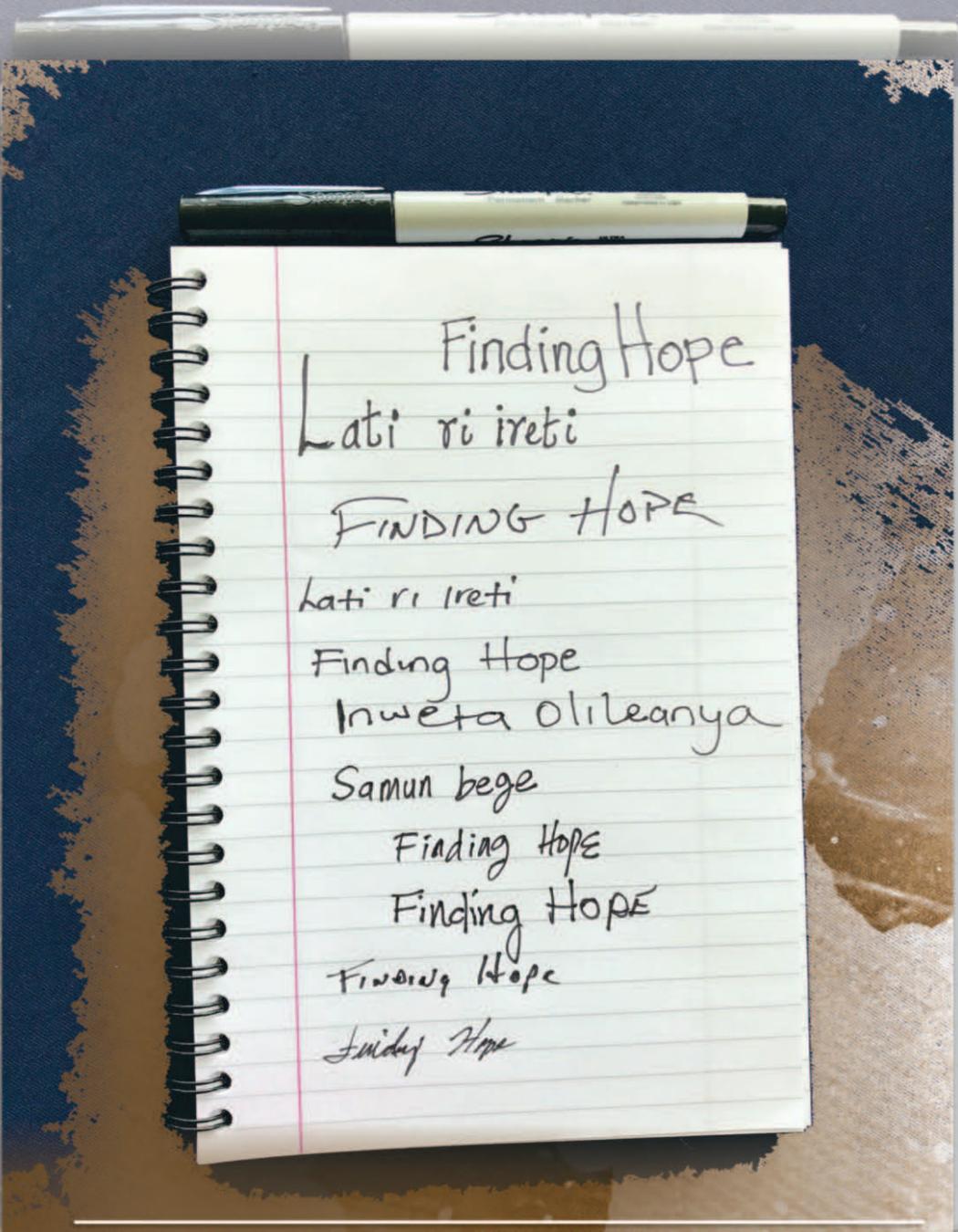
Then Peter, turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following; the one which also leaned on his chest at supper, and said, "Lord, which one is he that betrays you?"

Peter seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what shall this man do?"

Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he live till I return, what is that to you? You follow me."

Then this saying spread abroad among the brethren, that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say to him, "He shall not die"; but, "If it is my will that he live till I return, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple which testifies of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if every one should be written, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.



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