

Matthew 21:23-46

- 23 When He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"
- 24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.
- 25 "The baptism of John was from what *source*, from heaven or from men?" And they *began* reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'
- 26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the people; for they all regard John as a prophet."
- 27 And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.
- 28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'
- 29 "And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went.
- 30 "The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I *will*, sir'; but he did not go.
- 31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They *said, "The first." Jesus *said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.
- 32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing *this*, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.
- 33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.
- 34 "When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce.
- 35 "The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third.
- 36 "Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them.
- 37 "But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'
- 38 "But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'
- 39 "They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.
- 40 "Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?"
- 41 They said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the *proper* seasons."
- 42 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures,
 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
 THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*;
 THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,
 AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?"
- 43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.

- 44 “And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”
- 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.
- 46 When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.

Zechariah 13:7-9

- 7 “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,
And against the man, My Associate,”
Declares the LORD of hosts.
“Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered;
And I will turn My hand against the little ones.
- 8 “It will come about in all the land,”
Declares the LORD,
“That two parts in it will be cut off *and* perish;
But the third will be left in it.
- 9 “And I will bring the third part through the fire,
Refine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested.
They will call on My name,
And I will answer them;
I will say, ‘They are My people,’
And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- 1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,
- 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
- 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;
- 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;
- 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.
- 9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.
- 11 Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

John 1:11-12

- 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.
12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

John 10:16

“I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd.

Matthew 10:5-6

- 5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans;
6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 15:21-28

- 21 Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon.
22 And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and *began* to cry out, saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.”
23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, “Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.”
24 But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
25 But she came and *began* to bow down before Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”
26 And He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”
27 But she said, “Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”
28 Then Jesus said to her, “O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed at once.

Galatians 3:8, 14

- 8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.”
9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—
14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he (Paul) is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

Acts 11:1-18

- 1 Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.
2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him,
3 saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”
4 But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded* to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying,
5 “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down

- like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me,
6 and when I had fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air.
7 “I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’
8 “But I said, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’
9 “But a voice from heaven answered a second time, ‘What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.’
10 “This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky.
11 “And behold, at that moment three men appeared at the house in which we were *staying*, having been sent to me from Caesarea.
12 “The Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six brethren also went with me and we entered the man’s house.
13 “And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;
14 and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’
15 “And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as *He did* upon us at the beginning.
16 “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’
17 “Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”
18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads* to life.”

Ephesians 2:11-19

- 11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” *which is* performed in the flesh by human hands—
12 *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,
15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,
16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;
18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.
19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household,