

*When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus then sent two disciples, telling them, “Go into the village ahead of you.*

*At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt.*

*Untie them and bring them to me.*

*If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once.”*

*This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:*

*“See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*

The Triumphal Entry	Parable of the Marriage Feast	The Rebuke of the Scribes and Pharisees	Olivet Discourse
<p>The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:</p> <p>Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!</p>	<p>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to summon those invited to the banquet, but they didn’t want to come.</p>	<p>Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples: “The scribes and the Pharisees are seated in the chair of Moses. Therefore do whatever they tell you, and observe it. But don’t do what they do, because they don’t practice what they teach. They tie up heavy loads that are hard to carry and put them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves aren’t willing to lift a finger to move them. They do everything to be seen by others: They enlarge their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love the place of honor at banquets, the front</p>	<p>As Jesus left and was going out of the temple, his disciples came up and called his attention to its buildings. He replied to them, “Do you see all these things? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here on another that will not be thrown down.”</p> <p>While he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately and said, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the age? ”</p> <p>Jesus replied to them, “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will</p>

		<p>seats in the synagogues, greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi' by people.</p> <p>“But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' because you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. Do not call anyone on earth your father, because you have one Father, who is in heaven. You are not to be called instructors either, because you have one Instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.</p>	<p>come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many. You are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, because these things must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these events are the beginning of labor pains.</p>
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<p>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this? ” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”</p>	<p>Again, he sent out other servants and said, “Tell those who are invited: See, I’ve prepared my dinner; my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’</p> <p>“But they paid no attention and went away, one to his own farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them,</p>	<p>“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. For you don’t go in, and you don’t allow those entering to go in.</p> <p>(Some mss include: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You devour widows’ houses and make long prayers just for show. This is why you will receive</p>	<p>“Then they will hand you over to be persecuted, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, betray one another, and hate one another. Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. Because lawlessness will multiply, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be</p>

	<p>and killed them. The king was enraged, and he sent out his troops, killed those murderers, and burned down their city.</p>	<p>a harsher punishment.)</p>	<p>saved. This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.</p>
<p>Jesus went into the temple and threw out all those buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, "It is written, my house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of thieves! "</p> <p>The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that he did and the children shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to him, "Do you hear what these children are saying? "</p> <p>Jesus replied, "Yes, have you never read You have prepared praise from the mouths of infants and nursing babies? "</p> <p>Then he left them, went</p>	<p>"Then he told his servants, 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Go then to where the roads exit the city and invite everyone you find to the banquet.' So those servants went out on the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding banquet was filled with guests. When the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed for a wedding. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless.</p> <p>"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'</p> <p>"For many are invited, but few are chosen."</p>	<p>"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to make one convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a child of hell as you are!</p> <p>"Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever takes an oath by the temple, it means nothing. But whoever takes an oath by the gold of the temple is bound by his oath.' Blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? Also, 'Whoever takes an oath by the altar, it means nothing; but whoever takes an oath by the gift that is on it is bound by his oath.' Blind people! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Therefore, the one who takes an oath by the altar takes an oath by it and by everything on it. The one who takes an oath by the</p>	<p>"So when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place" (let the reader understand), "then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. A man on the housetop must not come down to get things out of his house, and a man in the field must not go back to get his coat. Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days! Pray that your escape may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For at that time there will be great distress, the kind that hasn't taken place from the beginning of the world until now and never will again. Unless those days were cut short, no one wouldA be saved. But those days will be cut short because of the elect.</p> <p>"If anyone tells you then, 'See, here is the Messiah! '</p>

<p>out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.</p>		<p>temple takes an oath by it and by him who dwells in it. And the one who takes an oath by heaven takes an oath by God's throne and by him who sits on it.</p>	<p>or, 'Over here!' do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Take note: I have told you in advance.</p>
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<p>Early in the morning, as he was returning to the city, he was hungry. Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, he went up to it and found nothing on it except leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" At once the fig tree withered.</p> <p>When the disciples saw it, they were amazed and said, "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?"</p> <p>Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you tell this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done. And if you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."</p>	<p>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to trap him by what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are truthful and teach truthfully the way of God. You don't care what anyone thinks nor do you show partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"</p> <p>Perceiving their malicious intent, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." They brought him a denarius. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked them.</p> <p>"Caesar's," they said to him.</p> <p>Then he said to them, "Give, then, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are</p>	<p>"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You pay a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, and yet you have neglected the more important matters of the law — justice, mercy, and faithfulness. These things should have been done without neglecting the others. Blind guides! You strain out a gnat, but gulp down a camel!"</p>	<p>So if they tell you, 'See, he's in the wilderness!' don't go out; or, 'See, he's in the storerooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will gather.</p> <p>"Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. He will send out his angels with a loud</p>
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	<p>God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.</p>		<p>trumpet, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.</p>
<b>Question of the Resurrection</b>			
<p>When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority? "</p> <p>Jesus answered them, "I will also ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Did John's baptism come from heaven, or was it of human origin? "</p> <p>They discussed it among themselves, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we're afraid of the crowd, because everyone considers John to be a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."</p> <p>And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these</p>	<p>That same day some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came up to him and questioned him: "Teacher, Moses said, if a man dies, having no children, his brother is to marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first got married and died. Having no offspring, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second also, and the third, and so on to all seven. Last of all, the woman died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had married her."</p> <p>Jesus answered them, "You are mistaken, because you don't know the Scriptures or the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven. Now</p>	<p>"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside of itB may also become clean.</p> <p>"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of the bones of the dead and every kind of impurity. In the same way, on the outside you seem righteous to people, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.</p>	<p>"Learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, recognize that he is near — at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.</p>

<p>things.</p> <p>“What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘My son, go work in the vineyard today.’</p> <p>“He answered, ‘I don’t want to,’ but later he changed his mind and went. Then the man went to the other and said the same thing. ‘I will, sir,’ he answered, but he didn’t go. Which of the two did his father’s will? ”</p> <p>They said, “The first.”</p> <p>Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn’t believe him. Tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; but you, when you saw it, didn’t even change your minds then and believe him.</p>	<p>concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven’t you read what was spoken to you by God: I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”</p> <p>And when the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.</p>		
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<b>Greatest Commandment</b>			
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<p>“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner, who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. He leased it to</p>	<p>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him:</p>	<p>“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, ‘If we had lived in</p>	<p>“Now concerning that day and hour no one knows — neither the angels of heaven nor the Son — except the Father alone. As the days of Noah</p>
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<p>tenant farmers and went away. When the time came to harvest fruit, he sent his servants to the farmers to collect his fruit. The farmers took his servants, beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first group, and they did the same to them. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said.</p> <p>"But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers? "</p> <p>"He will completely destroy those terrible men," they told him, "and lease his vineyard to other farmers who will give him his fruit at the harvest."</p> <p>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:</p> <p>The stone that the builders rejected has become</p>	<p>"Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest? "</p> <p>He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."</p>	<p>the days of our ancestors, we wouldn't have taken part with them in shedding the prophets' blood.' So you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors' sins!</p> <p>"Snakes! Brood of vipers! How can you escape being condemned to hell? This is why I am sending you prophets, sages, and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. So all the righteous blood shed on the earth will be charged to you, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all these things will come on this generation.</p>	<p>were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be. For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah boarded the ark. They didn't know until the flood came and swept them all away. This is the way the coming of the Son of Man will be. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding grain with a hand mill; one will be taken and one left.</p>
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<p>the cornerstone.</p> <p>This is what the Lord has done and it is wonderful in our eyes?</p>			
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<p>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will shatter him.”</p> <p>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew he was speaking about them. Although they were looking for a way to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because the people regarded him as a prophet.</p>	<p>While the Pharisees were together, Jesus questioned them, “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he? ”</p> <p>They replied, “David’s.”</p> <p>He asked them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? The Lord declared to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet’?</p> <p>“If David calls him ‘Lord,’ how then can he be his son?” No one was able to answer him at all, and from that day no one dared to question him anymore.</p>	<p>“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”</p>	<p>Therefore be alert, since you don’t know what day your Lord is coming. But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken into. This is why you are also to be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.</p>
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*“Who then is a faithful and wise servant,  
whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them food at the proper time?  
Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes.  
Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.  
But if that wicked servant says in his heart,  
‘My master is delayed,’ and starts to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with drunkards,  
that servant’s master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know.  
He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites,  
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Matt. 21:1-5			
21:6-46	22:1-46	23:1-39	24:1-44
24:45-51			

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