After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.

He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light.

Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him.

Three Tabernacles	The Greatest in the Kingdom	Questions about the Law	The Final Summons
Then Peter said to Jesus,	At that time the disciples	When Jesus had finished	"For the kingdom of
"Lord, it's good for us to be	came to Jesus and asked,	saying these things, he	heaven is like a landowner
here. If you want, I will set	"So who is greatest in the	departed from Galilee and	who went out early in the
up three shelters here: one	kingdom of heaven? "	went to the region of Judea	morning to hire workers for
for you, one for Moses, and		across the Jordan. Large	his vineyard. After agreeing
one for Elijah."		crowds followed him, and	with the workers on one
		he healed them there.	denarius, he sent them into
			his vineyard for the day.
The Three become One			
While he was still speaking,	He called a small child	Some Pharisees approached	When he went out about
suddenly a bright cloud	and had him stand among	him to test him. They asked,	nine in the morning, he saw
covered them, and a voice	them. "Truly I tell you," he	"Is it lawful for a man to	others standing in the
from the cloud said, "This is	said, "unless you turn and	divorce his wife on any	marketplace doing nothing.
my beloved Son, with	become like little children,	grounds? "	He said to them, 'You also
whom I am well-pleased.	you will never enter the	"Haven't you read," he	go into my vineyard, and I'll
Listen to him! " When the	kingdom of heaven.	replied, "that he who	give you whatever is right.'
disciples heard this, they fell	Therefore, whoever humbles	created them in the	So off they went.
facedown and were	himself like this child — this	beginning made them male	About noon and about
terrified.	one is the greatest in the	and female, and he also said,	three, he went out again
Jesus came up, touched	kingdom of heaven. And	'For this reason a man will	and did the same thing.
them, and said, "Get up;	whoever welcomes one	leave his father and mother	Then about five he went
don't be afraid." When they	child like this in my name	and be joined to his wife,	and found others standing
looked up they saw no one	welcomes me.	and the two will become	around and said to them,

except Jesus alone.

"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall away—it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the

depths of the sea.

one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

"Why then," they asked him, "did Moses command us to give divorce papers and to send her away?"

He told them, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because of the hardness of your hearts, but it was not like that from the beginning. I tell you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another commits adultery."

'Why have you been standing here all day doing nothing?'

" 'Because no one hired us,' they said to him.

"'You also go into my vineyard,' he told them.

The Coming Of Elijah

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anyone about the vision until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

So the disciples asked him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

"Elijah is coming and will restore everything," he replied. a "But I tell you: Elijah has already come, and they didn't recognize him. Woe to the world because of offenses. For offenses will inevitably come, but woe to that person by whom the offense comes. If your hand or your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it out and throw it away. It is

His disciples said to him, "If the relationship of a man with his wife is like this, it's better not to marry."

He responded, "Not everyone can accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb, there are eunuchs who were made by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves that way because of the

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard told his foreman, 'Call the workers and give them their pay, starting with the last and ending with the first.'

"When those who were hired about five came, they each received one denarius. So when the first ones came, they assumed they would get more, but they also received a denarius each. When they received it, they began to complain to

On the contrary, they did whatever they pleased to him. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hellfire. kingdom of heaven. The one who is able to accept it should accept it."

the landowner: 'These last men put in one hour, and you made them equal to us who bore the burden of the day's work and the burning heat'.

"He replied to one of them, 'Friend, I'm doing you no wrong. Didn't you agree with me on a denarius? Take what's yours and go. I want to give this last man the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with what is mine? Are you jealous because I'm generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first last."

When they reached the crowd, a man approached and knelt down before him. "Lord," he said, "have mercy on my son, because he has seizures and suffers terribly. He often falls into the fire and often into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they couldn't heal him."

Jesus replied, "You unbelieving and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you?

"See to it that you don't despise one of these little ones, because I tell you that in heaven their angels continually view the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If someone has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, won't he leave the ninety-nine on the hillside and go and search for the stray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over that sheep more than over the ninety-nine that

Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Leave the little children alone, and don't try to keep them from coming to me, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After placing his hands on them, he went on from there.

While going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples aside privately and said to them on the way, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes. and they will condemn him to death. They will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged, and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised."

Bring him here to me."

Then Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and from that moment the boy was healed.

did not go astray. In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

Then the disciples approached Jesus privately and said, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

"Because of your little faith," he told them. "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

(Some mss include v. : "However, this kind does not come out except by prayer and fasting.")

"If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he won't listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony of or three witnesses everv fact may be established. b If he doesn't pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn't pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among

Just then someone came up and asked him, "Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?"

"Why do you ask me about what is good? " he said to him. "There is only one who is good. If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

"Which ones?" he asked him.

Jesus answered: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother; and love your neighbor as yourself.

"I have kept all these," the young man told him. "What do I still lack?"

"If you want to be perfect," Jesus said to him, "go, sell your belongings and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

When the young man heard that, he went away

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons approached him with her sons. She knelt down to ask him for something. "What do you want?" he asked her.

"Promise," she said to him, "that these two sons of mine may sit, one on your right and the other on your left, in your kingdom."

Jesus answered, "You don't know what you're asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?"

"We are able," they said to him.

He told them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right and left is not mine to give; instead, it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

them." grieving, because he had many possessions. As they were gathering Then Peter approached Jesus said to his disciples, When the ten disciples together in Galilee, Jesus him and asked, "Lord, how "Truly I tell you, it will be heard this, they became told them, "The Son of Man many times must I forgive hard for a rich person to indignant with the two is about to be betrayed into my brother or sister who brothers. Jesus called them enter the kingdom sins against me? As many as over and said, "You know the hands of men. They will heaven. Again I tell you, it is kill him, and on the third seven times? " the rulers of the easier for a camel to go "I tell you, not as many day he will be raised up." through the eye of a needle Gentiles lord it over them, they were as seven," Jesus replied, "but and those in high positions And deeply than for a rich person to distressed. seventy times seven. enter the kingdom of God." act as tyrants over them. It "For this reason, the When the disciples heard must not be like that among kingdom of heaven can be they were utterly compared to a king who astonished and asked, "Then who can be saved? " wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he Iesus looked at them and said, "With man this is began to settle accounts, one who owed ten thousand impossible, but with God all talents was brought before things are possible." him. Since he did not have Then Peter responded to the money to pay it back, him, "See, we have left his master commanded that everything and followed he, his wife, his children, you. So what will there be for us? " and everything he had be sold to pay the debt. Jesus said to them, "Truly "At this, the servant fell I tell you, in the renewal of facedown before him and all things, when the Son of said, 'Be patient with me, Man sits on his glorious I will you who have and pay you throne, everything.' Then the master followed me will also sit on that twelve thrones, judging the servant had compassion, released him, twelve tribes of Israel. And and forgave him the loan. everyone who has left

"That servant went out

and found one of his fellow

houses or brothers or sisters

or father or mother or

servants who owed him a hundred denarii. a He grabbed him, started choking him, and said, 'Pay what you owe! '

"At this, his fellow servant down and began begging him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he wasn't willing. Instead, he went and threw him into prison until he could pay what was owed. When the other servants saw what had taken place, they were deeply distressed and went and reported to their master everything that had happened. Then, after he had summoned him, his master said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Shouldn't you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you? ' And because he was angry, his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured until he could pay everything that was owed.

children or fields because of my name will receive a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life.

When they came to Capernaum, those who collected the temple tax So also my heavenly Father will do to you unless every one of you forgives But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your

approached Peter and said,
"Doesn't your teacher pay
the temple tax?"

"Yes," he said.

When he went into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do earthly kings collect tariffs or taxes? From their sons or from strangers?"

"From strangers," he said.
"Then the sons are free,"
Jesus told him. "But, so we won't offend them, go to the sea, cast in a fishhook, and take the first fish that you catch. When you open its mouth you'll find a coin.
Take it and give it to them for me and you."

his brother or sister from your heart."

servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Final Miracle

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.

There were two blind men sitting by the road.

When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

The crowd demanded that they keep quiet, but they cried out all the more,

"Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

Jesus stopped, called them, and said, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord," they said to him, "open our eyes."

Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes.

Immediately they could see, and they followed him.

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