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*He looked up
and saw the rich dropping their offerings into the temple treasury.
He also saw a poor widow dropping in two tiny coins.
“Truly I tell you,” he said,
“this poor widow has put in more than all of them.
For all these people have put in gifts out of their surplus,
but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”*

Olivet Discourse	Approaching Passover	Jesus taken to Pilate	The Two Witnesses
<p>As some were talking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said,</p> <p>“These things that you see — the days will come when not one stone will be left on another that will not be thrown down.”</p> <p>“Teacher,” they asked him, “so when will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place? ”</p> <p>Then he said, “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Don’t follow them. When you hear of wars and rebellions, don’t be alarmed. Indeed, it is necessary that these</p>	<p>The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called Passover, was approaching. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put him to death, because they were afraid of the people.</p> <p>Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was numbered among the Twelve. He went away and discussed with the chief priests and temple police how he could hand him over to them. They were glad and agreed to give him silver. So he accepted the offer and started looking for a good opportunity to betray him to them when the crowd was not present.</p>	<p>Then their whole assembly rose up and brought him before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation, opposing payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”</p>	<p>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground.</p>

<p>things take place first, but the end won't come right away."</p>			
<p>Then he told them, "Nation will be raised up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be violent earthquakes, and famines and plagues in various places, and there will be terrifying sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you. They will hand you over to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to bear witness. Therefore make up your minds not to prepare your defense ahead of time, for I will give you such words and a wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will even be betrayed by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will kill some of you. You will be hated by everyone because of my name, but not a hair of your</p>	<p>Then the Day of Unleavened Bread came when the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." "Where do you want us to prepare it?" they asked him.</p>	<p>So Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews? " He answered him, "You say so." Pilate then told the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no grounds for charging this man." But they kept insisting, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he started even to here." When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. Finding that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; for a long time he had wanted to see him because he had heard about him and was hoping to see some miracle performed by him. So he kept asking him questions, but Jesus did not answer him. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing</p>	<p>"Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" asked the men. "He is not here, but he has risen!"</p>

<p>head will be lost. By your endurance, gain your lives.</p>		<p>him. Then Herod, with his soldiers, treated him with contempt, mocked him, dressed him in bright clothing, and sent him back to Pilate. That very day Herod and Pilate became friends. Previously, they had been enemies.</p>	
<p>“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that its desolation has come near. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. Those inside the city must leave it, and those who are in the country must not enter it, because these are days of vengeance to fulfill all the things that are written. Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days, for there will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will be killed by the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.</p>	<p>“Listen,” he said to them, “when you’ve entered the city, a man carrying a water jug will meet you. Follow him into the house he enters. Tell the owner of the house,</p> <p>“The Teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?” ’</p> <p>Then he will show you a large, furnished room upstairs. Make the preparations there.”</p> <p>So they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.</p>	<p>Pilate called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, “You have brought me this man as one who misleads the people. But in fact, after examining him in your presence, I have found no grounds to charge this man with those things you accuse him of. Neither has Herod, because he sent him back to us. Clearly, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will have him whipped and then release him.”</p> <p>Then they all cried out together, “Take this man away! Release Barabbas to us! ” (He had been thrown into prison for a rebellion that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)</p> <p>Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate addressed them again,</p>	<p>Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee, saying, ‘It is necessary that the Son of Man be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day?’” And they remembered his words.</p>

but they kept shouting,

“Crucify! Crucify him!”

A third time he said to them, “Why? What has this man done wrong? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him whipped and then release him.”

But they kept up the pressure, demanding with loud voices that he be crucified, and their voices won out. So Pilate decided to grant their demand and released the one they were asking for, who had been thrown into prison for rebellion and murder. But he handed Jesus over to their will.

As they led him away, they seized Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, and laid the cross on him to carry behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed him, including women who were mourning and lamenting him. But turning to them, Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your

		<p>children. Look, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the women without children, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"</p>	
<p>"Then there will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars; and there will be anguish on the earth among nations bewildered by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and expectation of the things that are coming on the world, because the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to take place, stand up and lift your heads, because your redemption is near."</p>	<p>When the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him. Then he said to them, "I have fervently desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."</p> <p>And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in</p>	<p>Two others—criminals—were also led away to be executed with him. When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing." And they divided his clothes and cast lots.</p> <p>The people stood watching, and even the leaders were scoffing: "He saved others; let him save himself if this is God's Messiah, the Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him. They came offering</p>	<p>Returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them were telling the apostles these things. But these words seemed like nonsense to them, and they did not believe the women. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. When he stooped to look in, he saw only the linen cloths. So he went away, amazed at what had happened.</p>

	<p>remembrance of me.”</p> <p>In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But look, the hand of the one betraying me is at the table with me. For the Son of Man will go away as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed! ”</p> <p>So they began to argue among themselves which of them it could be who was going to do it.</p>	<p>him sour wine and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself! ”</p> <p>An inscription was above him:</p> <p>This Is the King of the Jews.</p> <p>Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at him:</p> <p>“Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us! ”</p> <p>But the other answered, rebuking him: “Don’t you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? We are punished justly, because we’re getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me a when you come into your kingdom.”</p> <p>And he said to him,</p> <p>“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”</p>	
Emmaus = 360			
<p>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they put out leaves you can see for yourselves and recognize that summer is already near. In the same</p>	<p>Then a dispute also arose among them about who should be considered the greatest. But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have</p>	<p>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three, because the sun’s light failed. The curtain of the sanctuary was split down the middle. And Jesus called</p>	<p>Now that same day two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. Together they were discussing everything that</p>

<p>way, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all things take place.</p> <p>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.</p>	<p>authority over them have themselves called ‘Benefactors.’ It is not to be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever is greatest among you should become like the youngest, and whoever leads, like the one serving. For who is greater, the one at the table or the one serving? Isn’t it the one at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves. You are those who stood by me in my trials. I bestow on you a kingdom, just as my Father bestowed one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.</p> <p>“Simon, Simon, look out. Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”</p> <p>“Lord,” he told him, “I’m ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”</p> <p>“I tell you, Peter,” he said, “the rooster will not crow today until you deny three</p>	<p>out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit.” Saying this, he breathed his last.</p> <p>When the centurion saw what happened, he began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous!” All the crowds that had gathered for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, went home, striking their chests. But all who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.</p>	<p>had taken place. And while they were discussing and arguing, Jesus himself came near and began to walk along with them. But they were prevented from recognizing him. Then he asked them, “What is this dispute that you’re having with each other as you are walking?” And they stopped walking and looked discouraged.</p> <p>The one named Cleopas answered him, “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn’t know the things that happened there in these days?”</p> <p>“What things?” he asked them.</p> <p>So they said to him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful in action and speech before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. But we were hoping that he was the one who was about to redeem Israel. Besides all this, it’s the third day since these things happened. Moreover,</p>
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	<p>times that you know me.”</p> <p>He also said to them, “When I sent you out without money-bag, traveling bag, or sandals, did you lack anything? ”</p> <p>“Not a thing,” they said.</p> <p>Then he said to them, “But now, whoever has a money-bag should take it, and also a traveling bag. And whoever doesn’t have a sword should sell his robe and buy one. For I tell you, what is written must be fulfilled in me: And he was counted among the lawless. Yes, what is written about me is coming to its fulfillment.”</p> <p>“Lord,” they said, “look, here are two swords.”</p> <p>“That is enough! ”</p> <p>he told them.</p>		<p>some women from our group astounded us. They arrived early at the tomb, and when they didn’t find his body, they came and reported that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they didn’t see him.”</p>
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<p>“Be on your guard, so that your minds are not dulled from carousing, drunkenness, and worries of life, or that day will come on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come on all who live on the face of the whole earth. But be alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape</p>	<p>He went out and made his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he told them, “Pray that you may not fall into temptation.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and began to pray, “Father,</p>	<p>There was a good and righteous man named Joseph, a member of the Sanhedrin, who had not agreed with their plan and action. He was from Arimathea, a Judean town, and was looking forward to the kingdom of God. He approached Pilate and asked for Jesus’s body. Taking it</p>	<p>He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Wasn’t it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?”</p>
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all these things that are going to take place and to stand before the Son of Man.”

if you are willing, take this cup away from me — nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

Then an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. Being in anguish, he prayed more fervently, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he got up from prayer and came to the disciples, he found them sleeping, exhausted from their grief. “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray, so that you won’t fall into temptation.”

While he was still speaking, suddenly a mob came, and one of the Twelve named Judas was leading them. He came near Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

When those around him saw what was going to happen, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” Then one of them struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear.

down, he wrapped it in fine linen and placed it in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever been placed.

But Jesus responded, “No more of this!” And touching his ear, he healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a criminal? Every day while I was with you in the temple, you never laid a hand on me. But this is your hour — and the dominion of darkness.”

They seized him, led him away, and brought him into the high priest’s house. Meanwhile Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, and Peter sat among them. When a servant saw him sitting in the light, and looked closely at him, she said, “This man was with him too.”

But he denied it:
“Woman, I don’t know him.”

After a little while, someone else saw him and said, “You’re one of them too.”

“Man, I am not! ”

Peter said.

	<p>About an hour later, another kept insisting, “This man was certainly with him, since he’s also a Galilean.”</p> <p>But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about! ”</p> <p>Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. Then the Lord turned and looked at Peter. So Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.”^b And he went outside and wept bitterly.</p> <p>The men who were holding Jesus started mocking and beating him. After blindfolding him, they kept asking, “Prophecy! Who was it that hit you?”</p> <p>And they were saying many other blasphemous things to him.</p>		
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<p>During the day, he was teaching in the temple, but in the evening he would go out and spend the night on what is called the Mount of Olives. Then all the people would come early in the morning to hear him in the</p>	<p>When daylight came, the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the scribes, convened and brought him before their Sanhedrin.</p> <p>They said, “If you are the Messiah,</p>	<p>It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed along and observed the tomb and how his body was placed. Then they returned and prepared</p>	<p>Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.</p>
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<p>temple.</p>	<p>tell us.”</p> <p>But he said to them, “If I do tell you, you will not believe. And if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”</p> <p>They all asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?”</p> <p>And he said to them, “You say that I am.”</p> <p>“Why do we need any more testimony,” they said, “since we’ve heard it ourselves from his mouth?”</p>	<p>spices and perfumes. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.</p>	
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They came near the village where they were going, and he gave the impression that he was going farther.

But they urged him, “Stay with us, because it’s almost evening, and now the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

It was as he reclined at the table with them that he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?”

That very hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those with them gathered together, who said, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”

Then they began to describe what had happened on the road and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

As they were saying these things, he himself stood in their midst. He said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost.

“Why are you troubled?” he asked them. “And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself! Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”

Having said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

But while they still were amazed and in disbelief because of their joy,

he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

He told them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

He also said to them, “This is what is written:

The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

And look, I am sending you what my Father promised.

As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high.”

Then he led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

And while he was blessing them, he left them and was carried up into heaven.

After worshiping him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

And they were continually in the temple praising God.

Luke 21:1-4

21:5-38

22:1-71

23:1-56

24:1-27

24:28-53

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