

The Gospel According to Saint John

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The Pre-Existence and Incarnation of the Divine Word

~The Deity of Jesus Christ [1:1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [1:2] He was in the beginning with God. [1:3] All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. [1:4] In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. [1:5] And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

~The Witness John [1:6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [1:7] This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. [1:8] He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. [1:9] That was the true Light which gives light to every man who comes into the world. [1:10] He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. [1:11] He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. [1:12] 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: [1:13] who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

~The Word Made Flesh [1:14] And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. [1:15] John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' [1:16] And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. [1:17] For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [1:18] No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

The First Sign – The Messiah of Israel

~Miracle at Cana [2:1] On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. [2:2] Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. [2:3] And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. [2:4] Jesus said to her, Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come. [2:5] His mother said to the servants, Whatever He says to you, do it. [2:6] Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. [2:7] Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. [2:8] And He said to them, Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast. And they took it. [2:9] When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. [2:10] And he said to him, Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then that which is inferior; but you have kept the good wine until now. [2:11] This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. [2:12] After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

"You Must Be Born Again"

~The New Birth [3:1] There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. [3:2] This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him. [3:3] Jesus answered and said to him, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. [3:4] Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? [3:5] Jesus answered, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [3:6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [3:7] Do not marvel that I said to you, '**You must be born again.**' [3:8] The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone

who is born of the Spirit. [3:9] Nicodemus answered and said to Him, How can these things be? [3:10] Jesus answered and said to him, Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? [3:11] Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. [3:12] If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? [3:13] No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. [3:14] And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [3:15] that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. [3:16] 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. [3:17] For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. [3:18] He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [3:19] And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. [3:20] For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. [3:21] But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.... [3:35] The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. [3:36] He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

The Bread of Life

~Five Thousand Fed [6:1] After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. [6:2] Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. [6:3] And Jesus went up on a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. [6:4] Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. [6:5] Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat? [6:6] But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. [6:7] Philip answered Him, Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little. [6:8] One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, [6:9] There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many? [6:10] Then Jesus said, Make the people sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. [6:11] And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. [6:12] So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost. [6:13] Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. [6:14] Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.

~Words to the People [6:26] Jesus answered them and said, Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. [6:27] Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him. [6:28] Then they said to Him, What shall we do, that we may work the works of God? [6:29] Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent. [6:30] Therefore they said to Him, What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? [6:31] Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' [6:32] Then Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. [6:33] For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. [6:34] Then they said to Him, Lord, give us this bread always. [6:35] And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. [6:36] But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. [6:37] All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. [6:38] For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. [6:39] This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. [6:40] And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

~Words to the Jews [6:41] The Jews then murmured against Him, because He said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. [6:42] And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'? [6:43] Jesus therefore answered and said to them, Do not murmur among yourselves. [6:44] No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. [6:45] It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. [6:46] Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. [6:47] Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. [6:48] I am the bread of life. [6:49] Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. [6:50] This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. [6:51] I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world. [6:52] The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, How can this Man give us His flesh to eat? [6:53] Then Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. **[6:54] Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. [6:55] For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. [6:56] He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. [6:57] As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. [6:58] This is the bread which came down from heaven – not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.**

~Words to the Disciples [6:59] These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. [6:60] Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, This is a hard saying; who can understand it? [6:61] When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured about this, He said to them, Does this offend you? [6:62] What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? [6:63] It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. [6:64] But there are some of you who do not believe. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. [6:65] And He said, Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.

~Peter's Confession of Faith [6:66] From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. [6:67] Then Jesus said to the twelve, Do you also want to go away? [6:68] Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. [6:69] Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. [6:70] Jesus answered them, Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil? [6:71] He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

The Light of the World

~Jesus Teaches at the Feast [7:1] After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. [7:2] Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. [7:3] His brothers therefore said to Him, Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. [7:4] For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world. [7:5] For even His brothers did not believe in Him. [7:6] Then Jesus said to them, My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. [7:7] The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. [7:8] You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come. [7:9] When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. [7:10] But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. [7:11] Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, Where is He? [7:12] And there was much murmuring among the people concerning Him. Some said, He is good; others said, No, on the contrary, He deceives the people. [7:13] However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. [7:14] Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. [7:15] And the Jews marveled, saying, How does this Man know letters, having never studied? [7:16] Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. [7:17] If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. [7:18] He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. [7:19] Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keeps the law?

Why do you seek to kill Me? [7:20] The people answered and said, You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You? [7:21] Jesus answered and said to them, I did one work, and you all marvel. [7:22] Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. [7:23] If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? [7:24] Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment. [7:25] Then some of them from Jerusalem said, Is this not He whom they seek to kill? [7:26] But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? [7:27] However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from. [7:28] Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. [7:29] But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me. [7:30] Then they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. [7:31] And many of the people believed in Him, and said, When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done? [7:32] The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. [7:33] Then Jesus said to them, I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. [7:34] You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come. [7:35] Then the Jews said among themselves, Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? [7:36] What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'? [7:37] On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. [7:38] He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. [7:39] But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

~Jesus Is the Light of the World [8:12] Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life. [8:13] The Pharisees therefore said to Him, You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true. [8:14] Jesus answered and said to them, Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. [8:15] You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. [8:16] And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. [8:17] It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. [8:18] I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me. [8:19] Then they said to Him, Where is Your Father? Jesus answered, You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. [8:20] These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come. [8:21] Then Jesus said to them again, I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come. [8:22] So the Jews said, Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'? [8:23] And He said to them, You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. [8:24] Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins. [8:25] Then they said to Him, Who are You? And Jesus said to them, Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. [8:26] I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him. [8:27] They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. [8:28] Then Jesus said to them, When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. [8:29] And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him. [8:30] As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

~The Truth Will Make You Free [8:31] Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. [8:32] And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. [8:33] They answered Him, We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free'? [8:34] Jesus answered them, Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. [8:35] And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. [8:36] Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. [8:37] I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. [8:38] I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father. [8:39] 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. [8:40] But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard

from God. Abraham did not do this. [8:41] You do the deeds of your father. Then they said to Him, We were not born of fornication; we have one Father – God. [8:42] Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. [8:43] Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. [8:44] You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. [8:45] But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. [8:46] Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? [8:47] He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God. [8:48] Then the Jews answered and said to Him, Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon? [8:49] Jesus answered, I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. [8:50] And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. [8:51] Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death. [8:52] Then the Jews said to Him, Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' [8:53] Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be? [8:54] Jesus answered, If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. [8:55] Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. [8:56] Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad. [8:57] Then the Jews said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham? [8:58] Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I AM.** [8:59] Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

The Good Shepherd

~Parable of the Good Shepherd [10:1] Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. [10:2] But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. [10:3] To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [10:4] And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. [10:5] Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. [10:6] Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. [10:7] Then Jesus said to them again, Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. [10:8] All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. [10:9] I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. [10:10] The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. [10:11] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. [10:12] But he who is a hireling and not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. [10:13] The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. [10:14] I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. [10:15] As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. [10:16] And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. [10:17] Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. [10:18] No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father. [10:19] Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. [10:20] And many of them said, He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him? [10:21] Others said, These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

~Jesus Asserts His Deity [10:22] Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. [10:23] And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. [10:24] Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly. [10:25] Jesus answered them, I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. [10:26] But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. [10:27] My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. [10:28] And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. [10:29] My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all;

and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. [10:30] I and My Father are one. [10:31] Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. [10:32] Jesus answered them, Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me? [10:33] The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God. [10:34] Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, 'I said, You are gods'? [10:35] If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), [10:36] do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? [10:37] If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; [10:38] but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him. [10:39] Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand. [10:40] And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. [10:41] Then many came to Him and said, John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true. [10:42] And many believed in Him there. Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

The Resurrection and the Life

~The Death and Resurrection of Lazarus [11:1] Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. [11:2] It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. [11:3] Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick. [11:4] When Jesus heard that, He said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it. [11:5] Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. [11:6] So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. [11:7] Then after this He said to the disciples, Let us go to Judea again. [11:8] The disciples said to Him, Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again? [11:9] Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. [11:10] But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him. [11:11] These things He said, and after that He said to them, Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up. [11:12] Then His disciples said, Lord, if he sleeps he will get well. [11:13] However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. [11:14] Then Jesus said to them plainly, Lazarus is dead. [11:15] And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him. [11:16] Then Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with Him. [11:17] So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. [11:18] Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. [11:19] And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. [11:20] Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. [11:21] Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. [11:22] But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You. [11:23] Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again. [11:24] Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day. [11:25] Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. [11:26] And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this? [11:27] She said to Him, Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world. [11:28] And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, The Teacher has come and is calling for you. [11:29] As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. [11:30] Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. [11:31] Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, She is going to the tomb to weep there. [11:32] 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. [11:33] Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. [11:34] And He said, Where have you laid him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see. [11:35] Jesus wept. [11:36] Then the Jews said, See how He loved him! [11:37] And some of them said, Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying? [11:38] Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. [11:39] Jesus said, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days. [11:40] Jesus said to her, Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God? [11:41] Then they

took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. [11:42] And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me. [11:43] Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth! [11:44] And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, Loose him, and let him go. [11:45] Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. [11:46] But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.

~Conspiracy to Kill Jesus [11:47] Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. [11:48] If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation. [11:49] And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, You know nothing at all, [11:50] nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish. [11:51] Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, [11:52] and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. [11:53] Then from that day on they plotted to put Him to death. [11:54] Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.

The Farewell Discourse

[13:31] So... Jesus said, Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. [13:32] If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. [13:33] Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. [13:34] A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. [13:35] By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. [13:36] Simon Peter said to Him, Lord, where are You going? Jesus answered him, Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward. [13:37] Peter said to Him, Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake. [13:38] Jesus answered him, Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

~Jesus Comforts His Disciples [14:1] Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. [14:2] 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. [14:3] 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. [14:4] And where I go you know, and the way you know. [14:5] Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way? [14:6] Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

~Oneness with the Father [14:7] If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him. [14:8] Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us. [14:9] 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'? [14:10] 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. [14:11] Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. [14:12] 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. [14:13] And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14:14] If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. [14:15] If you love Me, keep My commandments.

~Role of the Spirit [14:16] And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, [14:17] even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. [14:18] I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. [14:19] A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see

Me. Because I live, you will live also. [14:20] At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. [14:21] He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him. [14:22] Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world? [14:23] Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. [14:24] He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. [14:25] These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. [14:26] But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. [14:27] Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. [14:28] You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. [14:29] And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. [14:30] I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. [14:31] But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

~Jesus Is the Vine – Followers Are Branches [15:1] I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. [15:2] Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. [15:3] You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. [15:4] Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. [15:5] I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. [15:6] If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. [15:7] If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. [15:8] By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. [15:9] As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. [15:10] If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. [15:11] These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

~Disciples' Relation to Each Other [15:12] This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [15:13] Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. [15:14] You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. [15:15] No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. [15:16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. [15:17] These things I command you, that you love one another.

~Disciples' Relation to the World [15:18] If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. [15:19] If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. [15:20] Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. [15:21] But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. [15:22] If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. [15:23] He who hates Me hates My Father also. [15:24] If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. [15:25] But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' [15:26] But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. [15:27] And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

~Jesus' Warning [16:1] These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. [16:2] They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. [16:3] And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. [16:4] But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

~The Holy Spirit Promised [16:5] But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' [16:6] But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. [16:7] Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. [16:8] And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: [16:9] of sin, because they do not believe in Me; [16:10] of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; [16:11] of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. [16:12] I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [16:13] However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. [16:14] He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. [16:15] All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

~Jesus' Death and Resurrection Foretold [16:16] A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father. [16:17] Then some of His disciples said among themselves, What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'? [16:18] They said therefore, What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying. [16:19] Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He 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'? [16:20] Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. [16:21] A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. [16:22] Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

~Prayer Promises [16:23] And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. [16:24] Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. [16:25] These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. [16:26] In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; [16:27] for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. [16:28] I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. [16:29] His disciples said to Him, See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! [16:30] Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God. [16:31] Jesus answered them, Do you now believe? [16:32] Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. [16:33] These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

~The High Priestly Prayer [17:1] Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, [17:2] as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. [17:3] And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. [17:4] I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. [17:5] And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. [17:6] I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. [17:7] Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. [17:8] For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. [17:9] I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. [17:10] And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. [17:11] Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. [17:12] While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

~The Disciples in the World [17:13] But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. [17:14] I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [17:15] I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. [17:16] They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [17:17] Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. [17:18] As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. [17:19] And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. [17:20] I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; [17:21] that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

~Their Future Glory [17:22] And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: [17:23] 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. [17:24] Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. [17:25] O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. [17:26] And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

The Resurrection

~The Empty Tomb [20:1] On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. [20:2] Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him. [20:3] Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. [20:4] So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. [20:5] And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. [20:6] Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, [20:7] and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. [20:8] Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. [20:9] For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. [20:10] Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. [20:11] But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. [20:12] And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. [20:13] Then 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 laid Him. [20:14] Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. [20:15] Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking? She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away. [20:16] Jesus said to her, Mary! She turned and said to Him, Rabboni! (which is to say, Teacher). [20:17] Jesus said to her, Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' [20:18] Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

~Jesus among His Disciples [20:19] Then, the same day at evening, 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, and said to them, Peace be with you. [20:20] Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [20:21] Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. [20:22] And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. [20:23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. [20:24] But Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [20:25] The other disciples therefore said to him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. [20:26] And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace to you! [20:27] Then He said to Thomas, Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing. [20:28] And Thomas answered

and said to Him, My Lord and my God! [20:29] Jesus said to him, Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

~Why This Gospel Was Written [20:30] And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; [20:31] but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

~Jesus Appears at the Sea of Galilee [21:1] After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: [21:2] Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. [21:3] Simon Peter said to them, I am going fishing. They said to him, We are going with you also. They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. [21:4] But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [21:5] Then Jesus said to them, Children, have you any food? They answered Him, No. [21:6] And He said to them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some. So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. [21:7] Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord! Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. [21:8] But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. [21:9] Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. [21:10] Jesus said to them, Bring some of the fish which you have just caught. [21:11] Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

~Jesus Provides [21:12] Jesus said to them, Come and eat breakfast. Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, Who are You? – knowing that it was the Lord. [21:13] Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. [21:14] This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

~The Love Motivation [21:15] So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonah, 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. [21:16] He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. He said to him, Tend My sheep. [21:17] He said to him the third time, Simon, son of Jonah, 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.

~Our Times Are in His Hand [21:18] Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. [21:19] This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, Follow Me. [21:20] Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is the one who betrays You? [21:21] Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, But Lord, what about this man? [21:22] Jesus said to him, If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me. [21:23] Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? [21:24] This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. [21:25] And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.