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The Good News According to the Tradition of John

Chapter One

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with Godde,
and the Word was Godde.

²She was in the beginning with Godde.

³All things were made through her.

Without her nothing was made that has been made.

⁴In her was life,

and the life was the light of women and men.

⁵The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness hasn't overcome it.

(⁶There came a man, sent from Godde, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might trust through him. ⁸He was not the light, but was sent to testify about the light.)

⁹The true light that enlightens everyone
was coming into the world.

¹⁰She was in the world,
and the world was made through her,
but the world didn't recognize her.

¹¹She came to her own,
and those who were her own didn't welcome her.

¹²But as many as welcomed her,
to them she gave the right to become Godde's children

(to those who trust in her name: ¹³who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of Godde).

¹⁴And the Word became flesh
and lived among us.
We saw his glory,
the glory of the only Son of the Mother,
full of grace and truth.

(¹⁵John testified about him. He cried out, "This was the one of whom I said, 'The one who comes after me has surpassed me, because he was before me.'")

¹⁶From his fullness we all received grace upon grace.

¹⁷The Torah was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen Godde. The one and only Godde, who is in the bosom of the Mother, has revealed her.

¹⁹This is John's testimony, when the temple authorities sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰He declared – and didn't deny, but he declared – "I'm not the Christ."

²¹"What then?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I'm not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

"No," he answered.

²²So they asked him, "Who are you? Give us an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³He said:

"I'm the voice of one crying in the wilderness,

'Make straight the way of the Lady!'

as Isaiah the prophet said."

²⁴They had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵"If you're not the Christ," they asked him, "nor Elijah nor the prophet, then why are you baptizing?"

²⁶"I baptize in water," John answered, "but someone you don't know stands among you. ²⁷He's the one who comes after me, whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to loosen." ²⁸These things happened in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹The next day, he saw Jesus coming to him. "Look," he said, "the lamb of Godde who takes away the offense of the world! ³⁰This is the one of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who has surpassed me, because he was before me.' ³¹I didn't know him, but the reason I came baptizing in water was so that he would be revealed to Israel." ³²John testified, "I've seen the Spirit coming down as a dove out of heaven, and she stayed on him. ³³I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit coming down and staying, this is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I've seen, and have testified that this is the Son of Godde."

³⁵The next day John was again standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶He looked at Jesus as he went by. "Look," he said, "the lamb of Godde!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him speak and followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned, saw them following, and asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹"Come and see," he replied.

They went and saw where he was staying, and stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who had heard John and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and told him, "We've found the Messiah!" (which means "Christ"). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him. "You're Simon, the son of John," he said. "You'll be called Cephas" (which means "Peter").

⁴³The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We've found the one about whom Moses in the Torah and also the prophets wrote: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Mary and Joseph."

⁴⁶"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," Philip answered.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, he said, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there's no deceit!"

⁴⁸"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

"Before Philip called you," Jesus answered, "when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you're the Son of Godde! You're the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus said, "Do you trust because I told you, 'I saw you under the fig tree'? You'll see greater things than that!" ⁵¹He said to him, "Believe me when I say that after this you'll see heaven opened and Godde's angels going up and coming down on the Son of Woman."

Chapter Two

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and Jesus' mother was there. ²Jesus was also invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Woman," Jesus said, "what does that have to do with you and me? My time hasn't yet come."

⁵His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now there were six stone water jars nearby for the Jews' way of cleansing. They could each hold twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." They filled them up to the brim. ⁸"Now draw some out," he said, "and take it to the steward." So they did.

⁹The steward tasted the water that had become wine, but he didn't know where it had come from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). Then he called the groom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone else serves the good wine first and then serves the inferior wine after the guests have had too much to drink. But you've saved the good wine until now!"

¹¹This first sign Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. It revealed his glory, and his disciples trusted in him.

¹²Afterward he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his sisters and brothers, and his disciples. They stayed there a few days. ¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and moneychangers sitting at their tables. ¹⁵He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He said to those who sold the doves, "Take these things out of here! Don't make my Mother's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will eat me up."

¹⁸So the temple authorities asked him, "What sign can you show us to justify your actions?"

¹⁹"Destroy this temple," Jesus answered, "and in three days I'll raise it up."

²⁰"It took forty-six years to build this temple!" the temple authorities said. "Will you raise it up in three days?"

²¹But he was talking about the temple of his body. ²²So when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he said. Then they trusted the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

²³Now when he was in Jerusalem during the Passover feast, many saw the signs he did and trusted in his name. ²⁴But Jesus didn't entrust himself to them because he knew everyone, ²⁵and he needed no one to testify concerning women and men because he already knew what was in them.

Chapter Three

Now a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus, was a Jewish leader. ²He came to him by night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you're a teacher from Godde, because no one can do these signs that you do unless Godde's with them."

³Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that unless someone is born from above, they can't see Godde's reign."

⁴Nicodemus said, "How can someone be born when they're old? Can they enter into their mother's womb a second time and be born?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that unless someone is born of water and spirit, they can't enter Godde's reign! ⁶What's born of the flesh is flesh but what's born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it wants to, and you

hear its sound, but don't know where it comes from or where it's going. That's how it is with everyone who's born of the Spirit."

⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰"You're Israel's teacher," Jesus answered, "and don't understand these things? ¹¹Believe me when I say that we talk about what we know, and testify about what we've seen, and you don't welcome our testimony. ¹²If I told you earthly things and you don't trust me, how will you trust me if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has gone up into heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Woman. ¹⁴As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Woman be lifted up, ¹⁵so that whoever trusts in him may have eternal life."

¹⁶Godde loved the world so much that she gave her one and only Son, so that whoever trusts in him wouldn't perish but have eternal life; ¹⁷because Godde didn't send her Son into the world to judge it, but to give it life through him. ¹⁸The one who trusts in him isn't judged. The one who doesn't trust has been judged already, because they haven't trusted in the name of the one and only Son of Godde. ¹⁹This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light and doesn't come to the light, so that their deeds won't be exposed. ²¹But the one who does what's true comes to the light, so that their deeds which have been done in Godde may be revealed.

²²After that, Jesus came with his disciples into the land of Judea. He stayed there with them and baptized. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was so much water there; and people kept coming to be baptized. ²⁴(This was before John had been thrown into prison.) ²⁵Then John's disciples started arguing with a temple authority about cleansing. ²⁶They came to John. "Rabbi," they told him, "the one who was with you beyond the Jordan – the one you testified about – look, he's baptizing, and everyone's coming to him!"

²⁷"No one can receive anything," John answered, "unless it's been given from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I'm not the Christ, but I've been sent before him.' ²⁹The groom gets to marry the bride, but his friend, who stands by and hears him, rejoices greatly when hearing his voice. So my joy is complete. ³⁰He needs to become more important, but I need to become less so."

³¹The one who comes from above is above all. The one who's from the earth belongs to the earth and talks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²They testify about what they've seen and heard, and no one welcomes their testimony. ³³The one who's welcomed it has certified that Godde is true. ³⁴The one whom Godde has sent speaks the words of Godde, because she gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Mother loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. ³⁶Whoever trusts in the Son has eternal life, but whoever disobeys the Son won't see life; they'll remain under Godde's punishment.

Chapter Four

Now when Jesus found out that the Pharisees had heard he was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(even though Jesus himself wasn't baptizing, but rather his disciples), ³he left Judea and went back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria.

⁵So he came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Leah, Rachel and Jacob gave to Asenath and Joseph. ⁶The well of Leah, Rachel, and Jacob was there. So Jesus, being tired from his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water.

"Will you give me a drink?" Jesus asked, ⁸because his disciples had gone into town to buy food.

⁹So the Samaritan woman asked, "How can you – a Jew – ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews don't associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰"If you knew Godde's gift," Jesus answered, "and who's asking you for a drink, you would've asked him for living water, and he would've given it to you."

¹¹The woman said, "Sir, you don't have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestors Leah, Rachel, and Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it themselves, as did their children and herds?"

¹³"Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again," Jesus answered, ¹⁴"but whoever drinks of the water that I'll give will never thirst again. The water that I'll give will become a well of water springing up to eternal life in them."

¹⁵"Sir," the woman said, "give me this water, so that I won't get thirsty or keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶"Go," Jesus told her, "call your husband, and come back."

¹⁷"But I have no husband," the woman answered.

"You're right that you don't have a husband," Jesus said, ¹⁸"because you've had five husbands, and the one you have now isn't your husband. So what you've said is true."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman told him, "I perceive that you're a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say Jerusalem is the place people ought to worship."

²¹"Woman," Jesus said, "trust me. The time is coming when you'll worship the Mother neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you don't know. We worship what we know, because life is from the Jews. ²³But the time is coming, and it's already here, when the true worshippers will worship the Mother in spirit and truth, because they're the kind of worshippers the Mother seeks. ²⁴Godde is spirit, and those who worship her must worship in spirit and truth."

²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ) "and will tell us everything."

²⁶"You're talking to him," Jesus said. "I'm the one."

²⁷Just then his disciples returned. They were amazed that he was speaking with a woman, but no one asked, "What are you looking for?" or, "Why are you talking to her?"

²⁸So the woman left her water jar, went to town, and told people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could he be the Christ?" ³⁰They left the town and were coming to him.

³¹In the meantime, his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

³²But he said, "I have food to eat that you don't know about."

³³So the disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?"

³⁴Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to accomplish her work. ³⁵Don't you say, 'It's still four months until the harvest?' Look, I tell you, look up and see that the fields are already white for harvest. ³⁶The one who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that both the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷So in this case the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you haven't labored. Others have labored, and you've reaped the benefits of their labor."

³⁹Many of the Samaritans of that town trusted in him because of the woman's message. "He told me everything I've ever done," she testified. ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed there two days, ⁴¹and many more trusted because of his message.

⁴²"Now we don't just trust because of what you've said," they told the woman. "Now we've heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the Life-Giver of the world."

⁴³After the two days were over, he left there and went to Galilee, ⁴⁴because Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in their own country. ⁴⁵So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, because they had gone to the feast in Jerusalem too and had seen all that he had done.

⁴⁶So Jesus returned to Cana in Galilee, where he made the water into wine. Now there was a certain royal official whose son was sick in Capernaum. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and begged him to come down and heal his son, because he was about to die.

⁴⁸"Unless you see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you'll never trust."

⁴⁹"Sir," the official said, "come down before my child dies."

⁵⁰"Go," Jesus said, "your son will live."

The man trusted Jesus' word and left. ⁵¹As he was going down, his bondservants met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵²So he asked them what time he had gotten better.

"Yesterday at one in the afternoon," they told him, "the fever left him."

⁵³The father knew it was at the exact time when Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." So he trusted, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴This was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

Chapter Five

After that, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a Jewish feast. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there's a pool called "Bethzatha" in Hebrew. It has five porches. ³In these lay a large crowd of those who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed. ⁵One man there had been sick for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had been sick for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

⁷"Sir," answered the one who was sick, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I'm trying to get in, someone else goes down before me."

⁸"Arise," Jesus said to him, "pick up your mat and walk."

⁹Immediately the man got well, took up his mat, and walked around.

Now it was the Sabbath. ¹⁰So the temple authorities said to the one who had been healed, "It's the Sabbath. It isn't permissible for you to carry your mat."

¹¹But he answered, "The one who made me well told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

¹²They asked him, "Who told you, 'Pick it up and walk'?"

¹³But the one who was healed didn't know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴After that, Jesus found him in the temple and told him, "Look, you've gotten better. Do no more wrong so that nothing worse happens to you."

¹⁵The man left and told the temple authorities that Jesus was the one who made him well. ¹⁶So the temple authorities harassed Jesus because he did these things on a Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered, "My Mother's still working, so I'm working too." ¹⁸So the temple authorities were seeking all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the Sabbath, but also called Godde his own Mother, making himself equal to Godde.

¹⁹So Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees the Mother doing, because whatever she's doing, the Son does too. ²⁰The Mother loves the Son and shows him everything that she does. She'll show him greater deeds than these, so that you'll be amazed. ²¹Just as the Mother raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whomever he wants. ²²The Mother doesn't judge anyone, but she's given all judgment to the Son ²³so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Mother. Whoever doesn't honor the Son doesn't honor the Mother who sent him. ²⁴Believe me when I say that whoever hears my message and trusts the one who sent me has eternal life. They won't be judged, but have passed from death into life. ²⁵Believe me when I say that the time is coming, and it's already here, when the dead will hear the Son of Godde's voice, and those who hear will live. ²⁶Just as the Mother has life in herself, even so she's granted the Son to have life in himself too. ²⁷And she gave him authority to judge because he's the Son of Woman. ²⁸Don't wonder about this, because the time is coming when all who are in their tombs will hear his voice ²⁹and will come out – those who've done good, to a resurrection of life, and those who've done evil, to a resurrection of judgment.

³⁰"I can do nothing by myself. I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just because I don't seek my own will, but the will of the one who sent me.

³¹"If I testify about myself, my testimony isn't true. ³²Another testifies about me, and I know that her testimony about me is true. ³³You've consulted John, and he's testified to the truth. ³⁴Not that I welcome the testimony of people, but I'm telling you these things so that you may be given life. ³⁵He was the

burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶But I have a testimony which is greater than John's, because the deeds which the Mother gave me to accomplish – the very deeds that I'm doing – testify that the Mother has sent me. ³⁷The Mother who sent me has herself testified about me. You've never heard her voice or seen her form. ³⁸Her word doesn't live in you because you don't trust the one she sent. ³⁹You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life. They testify about me, ⁴⁰but you don't want to come to me to have life.

⁴¹"I don't welcome glory from women and men. ⁴²But I know that you don't have Godde's love in yourselves. ⁴³I've come in my Mother's name, and you don't welcome me. If someone comes in their own name, you'll welcome them. ⁴⁴How can you trust when you receive glory from each other and don't seek the glory that comes from the only Godde? ⁴⁵Don't think that I'll accuse you before the Mother. Your accuser is Moses, in whom you've put your hope. ⁴⁶If you trusted Moses, you would've trusted me, because he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But if you don't trust his writings, how will you trust my words?"

Chapter Six

After that, Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (the Sea of Tiberias). ²A large crowd followed him because they saw the signs he was doing for those who were sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Jewish feast of Passover was near. ⁵So when Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, because he already knew what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread wouldn't be enough for everybody to have a bite!"

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, ⁹"There's a boy here with five barley loaves and two fish, but how far can they go for so many?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was plenty of grass there. So they sat down (there were about five thousand). ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were sitting down. Then he handed out as much fish as they wanted.

¹²When they were full, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftovers so that nothing will be wasted." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with the leftovers of the five barley loaves.

¹⁴When the people saw the sign Jesus did, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world!" ¹⁵So Jesus, knowing that they were about to come and force him to be a king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and headed out across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark and Jesus hadn't come to them. ¹⁸The wind started to blow and the water became rough. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea toward the boat, and they were afraid. ²⁰But he said, "It's me! Don't be afraid." ²¹So they were willing to let him into the boat. Immediately the boat reached the shore where they were going.

²²The next day, the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus hadn't left with his disciples, but that they had gone away by themselves. ²³Other boats from Tiberias landed near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum, looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that you're not looking for me because you saw signs, but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Don't work for the food that spoils, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Woman will give you. For Godde the Mother has certified him."

²⁸So they said, "What do we have to do to do Godde's deeds?"

²⁹"The work of Godde," Jesus answered, "is that you trust the one she's sent."

³⁰So they said, "Then what sign will you do that we can see and trust you? What will you do?" ³¹Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness. It is written, 'She gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³²So Jesus said to them, "Believe me when I say that Moses didn't give you the bread from heaven, but my Mother gives you the true bread from heaven, ³³because Godde's bread is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴"Lord," they said, "give us this bread all the time."

³⁵"I am the bread of life," Jesus said. "Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I've told you that you've seen me, and yet you don't trust. ³⁷Everything that the Mother gives me will come to me. Whoever comes to me I'll never throw out, ³⁸because I haven't come down from heaven to do what I want, but what the one who sent me wants. ³⁹My Mother who sent me doesn't want me to lose anything that she's given to me, but to raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰The one who sent me wants everyone who sees the Son and trusts in him to have eternal life, and I'll raise them up on the last day."

⁴¹People complained about him because he said, "I am the bread who comes down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Isn't this Jesus, son of Mary and Joseph? We know his mother and father. How can he now say, 'I've come down from heaven?'"

⁴³"Don't complain among yourselves," Jesus said. ⁴⁴"No one can come to me unless they're drawn by the Mother who sent me, and I'll raise them up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they'll all be taught by Godde.' Everyone who hears from the Mother and learns from her comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Mother except the one who's from Godde. They've seen the Mother. ⁴⁷Believe me when I say that whoever trusts has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, they'll live forever. The bread that I'll give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²So people argued with each other. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they asked.

⁵³Jesus said, "Believe me when I say that if you don't eat the flesh of the Son of Woman and drink his blood, you don't have any life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I'll raise them up on the last day, ⁵⁵because my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Mother sent me and I live because of the Mother, so whoever feeds on me will live because of me too. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Our ancestors ate the manna and died, but whoever eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard this, they said, "What a hard saying! Who can listen to it?"

⁶¹But Jesus knew that his disciples were complaining about this. "Does this trip you up?" he asked. ⁶²"Then what if you see the Son of Woman going up to where he was before? ⁶³It's the Spirit who gives life; the flesh doesn't count. The words that I've spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But some of you don't trust." (Jesus knew from the beginning who didn't trust and who would betray him.) ⁶⁵He added, "That's why I've told you that no one can come to me unless it's given by my Mother."

⁶⁶At that time many of his disciples turned around and stopped following him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "You don't want to leave too, do you?"

⁶⁸"Lord," Simon Peter answered, "where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We've come to trust and know that you're Godde's holy one."

⁷⁰Jesus answered, "Didn't I choose you, the twelve? But one of you is a slanderer!" ⁷¹(He was talking about Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, because although he was one of the twelve, he was the one who was going to betray him.)

Chapter Seven

After that, Jesus went around in Galilee. He didn't want to go around in Judea because the authorities were looking for a way to kill him.

²Now the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near. ³So his brothers and sisters said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea so that your disciples may see the deeds you're doing, ⁴because no one who wants to be famous does anything secretly. Since you're doing these things, show yourself to the world!" ⁵(Not even his brothers and sisters trusted in him.)

⁶So Jesus told them, "My time hasn't yet come, but any time is right for you. ⁷The world can't hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its deeds are evil. ⁸You go up to the feast. I'm not going up to this feast, because it's not time for me yet." ⁹After he said these things, he stayed in Galilee.

¹⁰But when his brothers and sisters had gone up to the feast, then he went up too, not publicly, but secretly. ¹¹The authorities were looking for him at the feast. "Where is he?" they asked. ¹²There was much complaining among the crowds about him.

Some said, "He's a good man."

Others said, "No, he misleads the crowd."

¹³But no one spoke about him publicly for fear of the authorities.

¹⁴In the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught. ¹⁵The authorities were amazed. "How can this uneducated man be so articulate?" they asked.

¹⁶"This isn't my teaching," Jesus answered. "It comes from the one who sent me. ¹⁷Anyone who wants to do what she wants will know whether this teaching is from Godde or whether I'm speaking on my own. ¹⁸Whoever speaks on their own seeks their own glory, but whoever seeks the glory of the one who sent them is true, and harbors no injustice. ¹⁹Didn't Moses give you the Torah, and yet none of you does it? Why are you trying to kill me?"

²⁰Some in the crowd answered, "You're demonized! Who's trying to kill you?"

²¹"I did one deed," Jesus answered, "and you're all amazed. ²²Moses gave us circumcision (although it didn't really come from Moses, but from our ancestors), and we circumcise a man on a Sabbath. ²³If a man welcomes circumcision on a Sabbath so as not to break Moses' Torah, are you angry with me for making a man completely healthy on a Sabbath? ²⁴Don't judge by appearances, but judge with justice."

²⁵So some from Jerusalem said, "Isn't this the one they're trying to kill? ²⁶Look, he speaks openly, and they can't answer him. Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? ²⁷But we know where this man comes from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where that one's from."

²⁸So Jesus cried out while he was teaching in the temple, "You know me and where I'm from? I haven't come on my own, but the one who sent me is true. You don't know her. ²⁹I know her, because I'm from her. She sent me."

³⁰So they tried to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him because his time hadn't yet come. ³¹But many in the crowd trusted in him. They asked, "Surely the coming Christ won't do more signs than this?"

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd asking these things about him, so they and the chief priests sent officers to arrest him.

³³"I'll be with you a little while longer," Jesus said, "then I'm going to the one who sent me. ³⁴You'll look for me but won't find me, because you won't be able to go where I am."

³⁵So the temple authorities said to themselves, "Where is this one planning to go so that we can't find him? Will he go to where our people live among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What does he mean, 'You'll look for me but won't find me, because you won't be able to go where I am'?"

³⁷Now on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, they should come to me and drink! ³⁸Whoever trusts in me, as the Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." ³⁹But he was really talking about the Spirit, which those who trusted in him were going to receive. The Holy Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus wasn't yet glorified.

⁴⁰When they heard these words, many in the crowd said, "This is truly the Prophet."

⁴¹Others said, "This is the Christ."

But some said, "Surely the Christ doesn't come from Galilee! ⁴²Doesn't the Scripture say that the Christ will be the offspring of Bathsheba and David, and will come from their hometown, Bethlehem?"

⁴³So the crowd was divided over him. ⁴⁴Some wanted to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him.

⁴⁵So the officers went back to the chief priests and Pharisees.

"Why didn't you bring him in?" they asked.

⁴⁶The officers answered, "No one has ever spoken like this!"

⁴⁷So the Pharisees said, "Surely you aren't led astray too, are you? ⁴⁸Have any of the authorities trusted in him? Or the Pharisees? ⁴⁹This crowd that doesn't know the Torah is accursed."

⁵⁰One of the Pharisees was Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier. ⁵¹"Surely our Torah doesn't judge anyone," he said, "without first giving them a hearing and finding out what they've done."

⁵²They answered, "Are you from Galilee too? Look it up, and you'll see that no prophet comes from Galilee."

⁵³Everyone went to their own house,

Chapter Eight

but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Early in the morning, he returned to the temple, and all the people came to him. He sat down to teach them. ³Now the scholars and Pharisees had entrapped a woman whom they brought in for unfaithfulness. They made her stand in the middle and ⁴told him, "Teacher, we watched this woman being unfaithful. ⁵In the Torah, Moses instructed us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They said this to trap him, so that they might be able to accuse him of something.

But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with his finger. ⁷When they kept on questioning him, he stood up and said, "Whoever among you isn't guilty can throw the first stone at her." ⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹When they heard this, they left one by one, beginning with the elders. Jesus was left alone with the woman in the middle. ¹⁰Jesus stood up. "Where did everybody go?" he asked. "No one condemned you?"

¹¹"No one, Lord," she answered.

"I don't condemn you either," Jesus said. "Go on, but watch your step."

¹²Jesus talked to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't be in the dark, but will have the light of life!"

¹³So the Pharisees told him, "You testify about yourself. Your testimony isn't true."

¹⁴"Even if I testify about myself," Jesus answered, "my testimony is true, because I know where I came from and where I'm going, but you don't know where I came from or where I'm going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶Even if I do judge, my judgment is true, because it's not just me, but me and the Mother who sent me. ¹⁷It's even written in the Torah that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸I testify about myself and the Mother who sent me testifies about me."

¹⁹So they asked him, "Where's your Mother?"

"You don't know me or my Mother," Jesus answered. "If you knew me, you would know my Mother too." ²⁰Jesus said this in the treasury when he was teaching in the temple, but no one arrested him because his time hadn't yet come.

²¹Again Jesus told them, "I'm going away, and you'll look for me, but you'll die guilty. You won't be able to go where I am."

²²So the temple authorities asked, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means when he says, 'You won't be able to go where I am'?"

²³He answered, "You're from below; I'm from above. You're worldly; I'm not worldly. ²⁴I told you that you'll die guilty, because unless you trust that I'm the one, you'll die guilty."

²⁵"Who are you?" they asked.

"Just what I've been saying all along," Jesus said. ²⁶"I have many things to say about you in judgment. But the one who sent me is true, and whatever I've heard from her, I say to the world."

²⁷They didn't understand that he was telling them about the Mother. ²⁸So Jesus told them, "When you lift up the Son of Woman, then you'll know that I'm the one. I do nothing by myself, but I say what the Mother taught me. ²⁹The one who sent me is with me; she hasn't left me alone, because I always do what's pleasing to her."³⁰As he said these things, many trusted in him.

³¹Jesus addressed the temple authorities who had trusted him. "If you continue in my teaching," he said, "then you really are my disciples. ³²You'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free!"

³³"We're descended from Sarah and Abraham," they answered, "and have never been in bondage to anyone. So how can you say, 'You'll be set free?'"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that everyone who does wrong is the bondservant of wrongdoing. ³⁵A bondservant doesn't stay in the household forever, but a child belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you'll really be free. ³⁷I know that you're descended from Sarah and Abraham, yet you're looking for a way to kill me because there's no place in you for my teaching. ³⁸I'm talking about what I've seen in the presence of the one I'm from, and you do what you've been told by the one you're from."

³⁹"We're descended from Sarah and Abraham," they answered.

"If you were really descended from Sarah and Abraham," Jesus said, "you'd act like them. ⁴⁰But now you're looking for a way to kill me, a man who's telling you the truth that I heard from Godde. Sarah and Abraham didn't do this. ⁴¹You act like the one you're really from."

"We're not illegitimate children," they said. "We're from Godde."

⁴²"If you were really from Godde," Jesus said, "you'd love me, because I came from Godde and now I'm here. I haven't come on my own, but she sent me. ⁴³Why don't you understand what I'm saying? Because you can't hear my teaching. ⁴⁴You're from the devil, and you want to do what it wants. The devil was a murderer from the beginning, and doesn't stand in the truth, because there's no truth in it. When the devil lies, it's only natural, because it's a liar and the source of all lies. ⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you don't trust me. ⁴⁶Which one of you can prove me guilty of wrongdoing? If I tell the truth, why don't you trust me? ⁴⁷Whoever is from Godde hears what Godde says. The reason you don't hear is because you're not from Godde."

⁴⁸"Aren't we right in saying that you're a Samaritan," the temple authorities asked, "and are demonized?"

⁴⁹"I'm not demonized," Jesus answered, "but I honor my Mother, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰But I'm not looking for my own glory. But there is one who does, and she's the judge. ⁵¹Believe me when I say that whoever follows my teaching will never see death."

⁵²So the temple authorities told him, "Now we know that you're demonized. Sarah and Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, 'Whoever follows my teaching will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our ancestors, Sarah and Abraham, who died? The prophets died too. Who do you think you are?"

⁵⁴"If I glorify myself," Jesus answered, "my glory is nothing. It's Godde who glorifies me, the one you say you're from. ⁵⁵You don't know her, but I do. If I said, 'I don't know her,' I'd be a liar like you. But I do know her and follow her teaching. ⁵⁶Your ancestors Sarah and Abraham rejoiced to see my day; they saw it and were glad."

⁵⁷"You aren't yet fifty years old," the temple authorities asked, "and you've seen Sarah and Abraham?"

⁵⁸Jesus said, "Believe me when I say that before Sarah and Abraham even existed, I was the one."

⁵⁹Then they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and left the temple.

Chapter Nine

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²"Rabbi," his disciples asked, "whose fault is it that this man was born blind? His, or his parents'?"

³"It's neither his fault nor his parents' fault," Jesus answered, "but it happened so that Godde's deeds might be revealed in him. ⁴As long as it's day, we need to do the work of the one who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶After he said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and anointed the man's eyes with the mud. ⁷"Go," he told him, "and wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he went away, washed, and came back able to see. ⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't he the one who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "That's him." Others were saying, "No, but he looks like him."

"I'm the one," he said.

¹⁰"How were your eyes opened?" they asked.

¹¹"The man called Jesus made mud," he answered, "and anointed my eyes. He told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

¹²"Where is he?" they asked.

"I don't know," he answered.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had once been blind. ¹⁴Now the day Jesus had made the mud and opened his eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man isn't from Godde, because he doesn't observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a wrongdoer do such signs?" They were divided.

¹⁷So they asked the man again, "What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

"He's a prophet," he answered.

¹⁸So the temple authorities didn't believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called in his parents ¹⁹and asked, "Is this your son? You say he was born blind? Then how can he see?"

²⁰"We know that he's our son," his parents answered, "and that he was born blind; ²¹but we don't know how he sees, or who opened his eyes. Ask him; he's old enough. He can speak for himself!" ²²His parents said this because they feared the authorities, because the authorities had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, they'd be put out of the synagogue. ²³So his parents just said, "He's old enough; ask him."

²⁴So again they called in the man who had once been blind and told him, "Give glory to Godde. We know that this man is a wrongdoer."

²⁵"I don't know whether he's a wrongdoer," the man answered. "One thing I do know is that although I was blind, now I can see."

²⁶"What did he do to you?" they asked. "How did he open your eyes?"

²⁷"I've already told you," he answered, "and you didn't listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You don't want to become his disciples too, do you?"

²⁸They insulted him. "You're that man's disciple," they told him, "but we're disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that Godde has spoken to Moses. But as for this man, we don't even know where he comes from."

³⁰"That's amazing!" the man exclaimed. "You don't even know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that Godde doesn't listen to wrongdoers, but she does listen to anyone who worships her and does her will. ³²Since the beginning of time no one has ever heard of anyone opening the eyes of someone born blind. ³³If this man were not from Godde, he wouldn't be able to do anything."

³⁴"You've been completely guilty since you were born," they told him. "How dare you teach us!" They threw him out.

³⁵When he heard that they had thrown him out, Jesus found him and said, "Do you trust in the Son of Woman?"

³⁶“Who is he, Lord,” he asked, “so that I may trust in him?”

³⁷“You’re looking at him,” Jesus said. “I’m the one.”

³⁸“Lord, I trust!” he said, and he bowed to him.

³⁹“I came into this world for judgment,” Jesus said, “so that those who don’t see may see, and so that those who see may be blinded.”

⁴⁰Some of the nearby Pharisees heard these things. “Are we blind too?” they asked.

⁴¹“If you really were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus said. “But since you say, ‘We can see,’ you’re still guilty.”

Chapter Ten

“Believe me when I say that whoever doesn’t enter the sheep pen through the gate, but instead climbs in by another way, is a thief and a robber. ²Whoever enters through the gate is a shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd who calls them each by name and leads them out. ⁴After bringing them out, the shepherd goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know the shepherd’s voice. ⁵They’ll never follow a stranger, but will run away because they don’t know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but they didn’t understand what he was telling them.

⁷So Jesus talked to them again. “Believe me when I say that I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. ⁹I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be given life. They’ll come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they may have life and enjoy it. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand – the one who isn’t a shepherd and doesn’t own the sheep – sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. The wolf seizes the sheep and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand doesn’t care about the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Mother knows me and I know the Mother. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I need to bring them along too. They’ll hear my voice and become one flock with one shepherd. ¹⁷The Mother loves me because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down by myself. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. I received this instruction from my Mother.”

¹⁹The authorities were divided again over these words. ²⁰Many of them said, “He’s demonized! He’s out of his mind! Why do you listen to him?” ²¹Others said, “These aren’t the sayings of one who’s demonized. A demon can’t open the eyes of those who are blind, can it?”

²²Then came the Feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was going around on Solomon’s porch in the temple. ²⁴So the temple authorities surrounded him and asked, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you’re the Christ, tell us openly.”

²⁵“I told you, but you don’t trust,” Jesus answered. “The deeds that I do in my Mother’s name testify about me, ²⁶but you don’t trust, because you don’t belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give eternal life to them. They’ll never die, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Mother, who has given them to me, is greater than anyone else, and no one can snatch them out of my Mother’s hand. ³⁰I and the Mother are one.”

³¹The authorities picked up stones again to stone him. ³²“I’ve shown you many good deeds from the Mother,” Jesus said. “For which of these are you going to stone me?”

³³“We’re not going to stone you for a good deed, but for sacrilege,” the authorities answered. “Although you’re just a human being, you’re making yourself out to be Godde!”

³⁴Jesus answered, “Isn’t it written in your Torah, ‘I said, “you’re goddesses and gods”?’ ³⁵If she called the ones to whom the word of Godde came goddesses and gods (and the Scripture can’t be broken), ³⁶how can you say that the one the Mother sanctified and sent into the world is sacrilegious just because

I said, 'I'm Godde's Son?' ³⁷If I don't do the deeds of my Mother, then don't trust me. ³⁸But if I do, trust the deeds even if you don't trust me, so that you may know and understand that the Mother is in me, and I in the Mother." ³⁹So they were looking for a way to arrest him again, but he escaped their grasp.

⁴⁰He went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing originally, and stayed there. ⁴¹Many came to him. "John didn't do a sign," they said, "but everything that John said about this one was true." ⁴²Many trusted in him there.

Chapter Eleven

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister, Martha. ²(Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was sick.) ³So the sisters sent him a message: "Lord, look, the one you love is sick." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This sickness won't lead to death. It's for Godde's glory, so that Godde's Son may be glorified by it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶Yet when he heard that he was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. ⁷After that he said to the disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

⁸"Rabbi," they said, "the authorities were just trying to stone you, but you're going there again?"

⁹"Aren't there twelve hours of daylight?" Jesus asked. "Whoever goes around during the day doesn't stumble, because they see by the light of this world. ¹⁰But whoever goes around at night stumbles, because they have no light." ¹¹After saying this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I'm going to wake him up."

¹²So his disciples told him, "Lord, if he's fallen asleep, he'll be healed."

¹³Jesus was really talking about his death, but they thought he was talking about literal sleep. ¹⁴So Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵I'm glad for your sakes that I wasn't there, so that you may trust. But let's go to him."

¹⁶So Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, "Let's go too, so that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹Many of the Jews had joined Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹"Lord," Martha told Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. ²²But I know that Godde will give you whatever you ask."

²³Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴"I know that he'll rise again," Martha said, "in the resurrection on the last day."

²⁵"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus told her. "Whoever trusts in me will live, even if they die. ²⁶Everyone who lives and trusts in me will never die. Do you trust this?"

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she said. "I've trusted that you're the Christ, Godde's Son, who comes into the world."

²⁸After she said this, she left and privately called her sister Mary. "The Teacher's here," she said, "and is calling for you."

²⁹When she heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still at the place where Martha met him. ³¹When the Jews who were consoling Mary in the house saw how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, thinking she was going to the tomb to mourn. ³²When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet. "Lord," she said, "if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who were with her weeping too, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴"Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Lord, come and see," they told him.

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶The Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "If he could open the eyes of the one who was born blind, why couldn't he have kept this one from dying?"

³⁸Still deeply moved, Jesus came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone lying against it. ³⁹"Remove the stone!" Jesus said.

"But Lord," said Martha, the sister of the deceased, "there'll be a bad smell, because he's been dead four days!"

⁴⁰"Didn't I tell you that if you trust," Jesus said, "you'd see Godde's glory?"

⁴¹So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up. "Mother," he prayed, "I thank you that you've heard me. ⁴²I know that you always hear me, but I've said this for the benefit of the crowd standing around, so that they may trust that you sent me." ⁴³After he said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴The dead man came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, a cloth wrapped around his face.

"Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews who had come to Mary saw what he did and trusted in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees, and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the court. "What are we doing?" they asked. "This man keeps doing signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on this way, everyone will trust in him, and the Romans will destroy both our holy place and our nation."

⁴⁹One of them was Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. "You don't know anything," he said. ⁵⁰"Don't you realize that it's better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed?" ⁵¹Now he didn't say this on his own, but since he was high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation; ⁵²and not just for the nation, but also to gather together Godde's scattered children to make them one. ⁵³From that day on they planned to put him to death.

⁵⁴So Jesus didn't go around publicly in Judea anymore, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim. He stayed there with his disciples.

⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was near. Many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. ⁵⁶They were looking for Jesus. As they stood around in the temple, they asked each other, "What do you think? He won't come to the feast, will he?" ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had ordered that if anyone knew where he was, they should report it so that they could arrest him.

Chapter Twelve

Six days before the Passover, Jesus went to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they made him a supper there. Martha was serving, and Lazarus was among those sitting at the table with him. ³Then Mary took a very expensive pound of pure nard perfume, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴One of his disciples protested. It was Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray him. ⁵"Why wasn't this ointment sold for three hundred denarii," he said, "and given to those who are poor?" ⁶He didn't really say this because he cared about those who were poor, but because he was their treasurer, and was embezzling their funds.

⁷"Leave her alone," Jesus said. "She's saved this for the day of my burial. ⁸You can always help those who are poor, but you won't always have me."

⁹Meanwhile a large Jewish crowd found out that he was there, and they came not just to see Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰But the chief priests conspired to kill Lazarus too, ¹¹since many of the Jews were going to Jesus and trusting in him because of Lazarus.

¹²The next day a large crowd had come to the feast. When they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, ¹³they took palm tree branches and went out to meet him, shouting:

“Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lady,
the king of Israel!”

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵“Don’t be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

¹⁶His disciples didn’t understand this at the time. But after Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead was spreading the news. ¹⁸More crowds flocked to him because they heard that he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to each other, “This isn’t getting us anywhere. See how the world is following him!”

²⁰Now some Greeks were among those who went up to worship at the feast. ²¹They went to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. “Sir,” they told him, “we want to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew and Philip went to Jesus. ²³“The time has come for the Son of Woman to be glorified,” Jesus answered. ²⁴“Believe me when I say that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever who loves their life will lose it, but whoever hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, let them follow me. My servant will be wherever I am. My Mother will honor whoever serves me.

²⁷“Now my soul is anxious. What should I say? ‘Mother, rescue me from this time?’ But this is the reason I came to this time. ²⁸Mother, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven. “I’ve glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

²⁹The nearby crowd who heard it said it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

³⁰“This voice hasn’t come for me, but for you,” Jesus said. ³¹“Now is the time for the judgment of this world. Now the prince of this world will be cast out. ³²When I’m lifted up from the earth, I’ll draw everyone to me.” ³³He said this to show what kind of death he was going die.

³⁴“We understand from the Torah that the Christ lives forever,” the crowd answered. “How can you say, ‘The Son of Woman needs to be lifted up?’ Who is this ‘Son of Woman’?”

³⁵“The light is with you for a little longer,” Jesus said. “Live while you have the light, so that darkness won’t overcome you. Whoever lives in the darkness doesn’t know where they’re going. ³⁶While you have the light, trust in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

After Jesus said this, he left and hid himself from them. ³⁷But even though he had done so many signs before them, yet they didn’t trust in him, ³⁸that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

“Lady, who has trusted our report?
To whom has the arm of the Lady been revealed?”

³⁹Because of this they couldn’t trust, as Isaiah said:

⁴⁰“She has blinded their eyes
and closed their heart,
so that they can’t see with their eyes
and understand with their heart and change,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke about him. ⁴²Even so, many of the authorities trusted in him, but because of the Pharisees they didn’t confess him so that they wouldn’t be

put out of the synagogue, ⁴³because they loved the glory of women and men more than the glory of Godde.

⁴⁴Jesus cried out, "Whoever trusts in me doesn't trusts in me but in the one who sent me. ⁴⁵Whoever sees me sees the one who sent me. ⁴⁶I've come as a light into the world, so that whoever trusts in me may not stay in the darkness. ⁴⁷If anyone listens to my message and doesn't obey, I don't judge, because I didn't come to judge the world, but to give life to the world. ⁴⁸Whoever rejects me and doesn't accept my sayings will be judged. What I have said will judge them on the last day, ⁴⁹because I haven't spoken on my own, but the Mother who sent me instructed me what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰I know that her precept is eternal life. So I say just what the Mother has told me to say."

Chapter Thirteen

Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to depart from this world and go to the Mother. He loved his own who were in the world to the end. ²They were eating supper. The devil had already given Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, the idea of betraying him. ³Now Jesus knew that the Mother had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from Godde and was returning to Godde. ⁴So he got up from supper, took off his coat, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and started to wash the disciples' feet, wiping them dry with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶Then he came to Simon Peter. He said to him, "Lord, are you really going to wash my feet?"

⁷"You don't understand what I'm doing now," Jesus answered, "but you will later."

⁸"You'll never wash my feet!" Peter protested.

"Unless I wash you," Jesus said, "you have nothing in common with me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter said, "not just my feet, but my hands and my head too!"

¹⁰"Whoever has bathed just needs to have their feet washed," Jesus said, "but they're entirely clean. You're clean – but not all of you." ¹¹He knew who was going to betray him; that's why he said, "You're not all clean."

¹²So when he had washed their feet, he put his coat back on and sat back down again. "Do you understand what I've done for you?" he asked. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' – and rightly so, because that's what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each others' feet too. ¹⁵I've set an example for you, so that you should do what I've done for you. ¹⁶Believe me when I say that a bondservant isn't greater than their master, nor is the one who is sent greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you'll be blessed if you do them. ¹⁸I'm not talking about all of you; I know whom I've chosen. But this is to fulfill the Scripture, 'The one who shares bread with me has turned against me.' ¹⁹I'm telling you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may trust that I'm the one. ²⁰Believe me when I say that whoever welcomes anyone I send welcomes me, whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

²¹After Jesus said this, he was troubled in spirit. He testified, "Believe me when I say that one of you will betray me."

²²The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he was talking about. ²³One of them, the disciple Jesus loved, was at the table leaning on him. ²⁴So Simon Peter motioned to this disciple to ask Jesus which one he was talking about.

²⁵Leaning leaning back against Jesus, the disciple asked, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "It's the one to whom I'll give this piece of bread after I've dipped it." Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷After Judas took the piece of bread, the Satan entered into him.

Jesus told him, "Don't waste any time about what you're doing!"

²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he told him this. ²⁹Since Judas was their treasurer, some thought that Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or telling him to give something to those who were poor. ³⁰So Judas left immediately after taking the piece of bread. It was night.

³¹After he had left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Woman has been glorified, and Godde has been glorified in him. ³²If Godde has been glorified in him, Godde will also glorify him in herself, and she’ll glorify him right away. ³³Children, I’ll be with you a little while longer. You’ll look for me, and as I said to the temple authorities, I’m now telling you, ‘You won’t be able to go where I am.’ ³⁴I’m giving you a new precept: Love each other. Just as I’ve loved you, love each other. ³⁵That way everyone will know that you’re my disciples, if you love each other.”

³⁶“Lord,” Simon Peter asked, “where are you going?”

“Where I am going, you can’t follow now,” Jesus answered, “but you’ll follow later.”

³⁷“Lord,” Peter asked, “why can’t I follow you now? I’ll lay down my life for you!”

³⁸Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Believe me when I say that the rooster won’t crow until you have disowned me three times!

Chapter Fourteen

“Don’t let your hearts be anxious. You trust in Godde; trust in me too. ²There are many rooms in my Mother’s house. If it weren’t so, I would have told you. I’m going to prepare a place for you. ³If I go and prepare a place for you, I’ll come back again and take you to myself, so that you may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place I’m going.”

⁵“Lord,” Thomas said, “we don’t know where you’re going. How can we know the way?”

⁶“I am the way, the truth, and the life,” Jesus answered. “No one comes to the Mother except through me. ⁷If you know me, you’ll know my Mother too. From now on, you do know her and have seen her.”

⁸“Lord,” Philip said, “show us the Mother, and we’ll be satisfied.”

⁹Jesus said, “Don’t you know me, Philip, after I’ve been with you such a long time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Mother too. How can you say, ‘Show us the Mother?’ ¹⁰Don’t you trust that I’m in the Mother, and the Mother in me? I’m not saying this on my own, but the Mother who lives in me does her deeds. ¹¹Trust me that I’m in the Mother, and the Mother in me; but if not, at least trust because of the deeds. ¹²Believe me when I say that whoever trusts in me will do the things I do too, and will do even greater things, because I’m going to my Mother. ¹³I’ll do whatever you will ask in my name, so that the Mother may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I’ll do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my precepts. ¹⁶I’ll ask the Mother, and she’ll give you another Advocate to be with you forever – ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world can’t receive because it doesn’t see her or know her. You know her because she stays with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I won’t leave you as orphans; I’ll come to you. ¹⁹In a little while, the world won’t see me anymore, but you’ll see me. Because I live, you’ll live too. ²⁰In that day you’ll know that I’m in my Mother, and you’re in me, and I’m in you. ²¹Whoever has my precepts and keeps them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Mother, and I’ll love them and will reveal myself to them.”

²²Judas (not Iscariot) asked him, “Lord, what’s happened that you’re about to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³“Whoever loves me,” Jesus answered, “will keep my word. My Mother will love them, and we’ll come and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever doesn’t love me doesn’t keep my words. What you’re hearing isn’t coming from me, but from the Mother who sent me.

²⁵“I’ve told you these things while I’m still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Mother will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything that I’ve told you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I don’t give as the world gives. Don’t let your heart be anxious or afraid. ²⁸You heard me tell you, ‘I’m going away and I’ll come to you.’ If you loved me, you would’ve rejoiced that I’m going to the Mother, because the Mother is greater than I. I’m telling you this

now, before it happens, so that when it does happen, you may trust. ³⁰I won't talk with you much longer, because the ruler of this world is coming, and we have nothing in common. ³¹But so that the world may know that I love the Mother, I do what she has instructed. Get up; let's leave.

Chapter Fifteen

"I am the true vine, and my Mother is the gardener. ²She removes every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, and prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it may bear more fruit. ³You're already clean because of the message I've told you. ⁴Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as the branch can't bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. ⁵I am the vine; you're the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them bears much fruit, because you can't do anything without me. ⁶Someone who doesn't remain in me is like a branch that's thrown away and withers; they're gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want to, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Mother is glorified by this: that you bear much fruit and be my disciples. ⁹Just as the Mother has loved me, so I've loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my precepts, you'll remain in my love, just as I've kept my Mother's precepts and remain in her love.

¹¹"I've told you these things so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my precept, that you love each other just as I've loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this: to lay down their life for their friends. ¹⁴You're my friends if you follow my precepts. ¹⁵I don't call you bondservants anymore, because the bondservant doesn't know what their master is doing. But I've called you friends, because I've made known to you everything that I've heard from my Mother. ¹⁶You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – so that my Mother may give you whatever you ask of her in my name. ¹⁷I give you these precepts so that you may love each other.

¹⁸If the world hates you, remember that it hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. But you don't belong to the world, because I chose you out of the world, so the world hates you. ²⁰Remember what I told you: 'A bondservant isn't greater than their master.' If they harassed me, they'll harass you too. If they followed my teaching, they'll follow yours too. ²¹But they'll do all this to you because of me since they don't know the one who sent me. ²²They wouldn't have been guilty if I hadn't come and talked to them, but now they have no excuse for their offense. ²³Whoever hates me hates my Mother too. ²⁴If I hadn't done among them what no one else did, they wouldn't have been guilty. But now they've seen and hated both me and my Mother. ²⁵It was to fulfill what's written in their Torah, 'They hated me for no reason.'

²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I'll send to you from the Mother – the Spirit of truth who comes from the Mother – she'll testify about me. ²⁷You'll testify too, because you've been with me from the beginning.

Chapter Sixteen

"I've told you these things so that you wouldn't be tripped up. ²They'll put you out of the synagogues. The time is coming when everyone who kills you will think they're offering a service to Godde. ³They'll do these things because they haven't known the Mother or me. ⁴But I've told you these things so that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you about them.

"I didn't tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I'm going to the one who sent me, and none of you is asking me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I've told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I'm telling you the truth: It's better for you that I go away, because if I don't go away the Advocate won't come to you. But if I go, I'll send her to you. ⁸When she comes, she'll prove the world to be wrong about guilt, justice, and judgment: ⁹about guilt, because

they don't trust in me; ¹⁰about justice, because I'm going to the Mother and you won't see me anymore; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

¹²"I still have much to tell you, but you can't yet handle it. ¹³However, when the Spirit of truth comes, she'll guide you into all truth, because she won't speak on her own. She'll speak whatever she hears, and will tell you what's yet to come. ¹⁴She'll glorify me, because she'll take what I say and tell it to you. ¹⁵Everything the Mother has is mine; that's why I said that she'll take what I say and tell it to you. ¹⁶In a little while, you won't see me. But a little after that, you'll see me."

¹⁷Some of his disciples asked each other, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while, you won't see me, but a little after that, you'll see me,' and 'Because I'm going to the Mother'?"

¹⁸They continued asking.

"What does he mean, 'In a little while'?"

"We don't know what he's talking about."

¹⁹Jesus knew what they wanted to ask. He told them, "Are you asking each other what I meant when I said, 'In a little while, you won't see me, but a little after that, you'll see me?' ²⁰Believe me when I say that you'll weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice. You'll grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she suffers pain, because her time has come. But when her child is born, she doesn't remember the anguish anymore, because of the joy of bringing a human being into the world. ²²So you grieve now, but I'll see you again. Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³In that day you won't ask me any questions. Believe me when I say that the Mother will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴Until now, you haven't asked anything in my name. Ask and you'll receive, so that your joy may be complete.

²⁵"I've told you these things using figures of speech. The time is coming when I won't talk to you in figures of speech anymore, but I'll tell you plainly about the Mother. ²⁶In that day you'll ask in my name. I'm not saying that I'll ask the Mother for you, ²⁷since the Mother loves you because you've loved me and have trusted that I came from Godde. ²⁸I came from the Mother and into the world; I'm leaving the world, and going back to the Mother."

²⁹"Look," his disciples said, "now you're talking plainly, without figures of speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know everything, and don't need anyone to question you. Because of this, we trust that you came from Godde."

³¹"Do you trust now?" Jesus asked. ³²"Look, the time is coming, and it's already here, when you'll be scattered, each one to their own home. You'll leave me all alone. But I'm not alone, because the Mother is with me. ³³I've told you this so that in me you may have peace. In the world you'll be oppressed. But cheer up! I've overcome the world."

Chapter Seventeen

After Jesus said this, he looked up to heaven. "Mother," he said, "the time has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you too. ²As you've given him authority over all flesh, he'll give eternal life to all whom you've given him. ³This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true Godde, and the one you've sent, Jesus Christ. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing what you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Mother, glorify me with you with the glory I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"I revealed your name to the people whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me. They've kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you've given me is from you, ⁸because I gave them the words you gave me and they welcomed them. They know it's true that I came from you, and they've trusted that you sent me. ⁹I'm asking on their behalf. I'm not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you've given me, because they're yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and I've been glorified in them. ¹¹I'm not in the world any longer, but they're in the world, and I'm coming to you. Holy Mother, protect them by your name which you've given me, so that they may be one just as we are. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them by your name which

you've given me. I've guarded those whom you've given me. None of them was lost except the one destined to be lost so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I'm coming to you, and I'm saying these things while I'm still in the world, so that they may be full of my joy. ¹⁴I've given them your word. The world hated them because they're not from the world just as I'm not from the world. ¹⁵I'm not asking you to take them from the world, but to keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They're not from the world just as I'm not from the world. ¹⁷Make them holy in the truth; your message is truth. ¹⁸Just as you sent me into the world, so I've sent them into the world too. ¹⁹I'm making myself holy for their sakes, so that they too may be made holy in truth.

²⁰"I'm not asking for just them, but also for those who trust in me because of their message, ²¹that they may all be one. Mother, just as you're in me and I in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may trust that you sent me. ²²I've given them the glory which you've given me, so that they may be one just as we are one: ²³I in them and you in me, so that they may be completely one. Then the world may know that you sent me and loved them, just as you loved me. ²⁴Mother, I want those whom you've given me to be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory, which you've given me because you loved me before the beginning of the world. ²⁵Just Mother, the world doesn't know you, but I know you, and they know that you've sent me. ²⁶I've made your name known to them and will make it known, so that your love for me may be in them, and I in them."

Chapter Eighteen

After Jesus said this, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron ravine where there was a garden. He entered with his disciples. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas took a band of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They came with lanterns, torches, and weapons. ⁴Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who are you looking for?"

⁵"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

"I'm the one," Jesus said.

Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶So when he told them, "I'm the one," they drew back and fell to the ground.

⁷So he asked them again, "Who are you looking for?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

⁸"I told you that I'm the one," Jesus answered. "So if you're looking for me, let them go." ⁹This happened to fulfill his words, "I lost none of those whom you gave me."

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's bondservant, cutting off his right ear. The bondservant's name was Malchus.

¹¹"Put your sword back into its sheath!" Jesus told Peter. "Shouldn't I drink the cup which the Mother has given me?"

¹²Then the band of soldiers, their commander, and the officers of the temple authorities seized Jesus and bound him. ¹³They led him to Annas first, because he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who advised the temple authorities that it was better for one man to die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another disciple. That disciple, who was known to the high priest, went with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood at the door outside. So the other disciple, the one known to the high priest, went out, and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The woman who was the doorkeeper asked Peter, "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?"

"I'm not," he said.

¹⁸Now the bondservants and the officers were standing around a fire they'd made, because it was cold. They were warming themselves. Peter was standing there with them, warming himself.

¹⁹Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰"I've spoken openly to the world," Jesus answered. "I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I didn't say anything in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said."

²²When he said this, one of the officers standing nearby slapped Jesus. "Is that any way to answer the high priest?"

²³"If I've said anything wrong," Jesus answered, "testify to the wrong; but if I'm right, why do you beat me?"²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest.

²⁵Meanwhile, Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?"

He denied it. "I'm not."

²⁶One of the high priest's bondservants, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, spoke up. "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

²⁷So Peter denied it again, and immediately the rooster crowed.

²⁸Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium. It was early. They themselves didn't enter the Praetorium so that they wouldn't be defiled but still be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them. "What accusation do you bring against this man?" he asked.

³⁰"If this man weren't a criminal," they answered, "we wouldn't have handed him over to you."

³¹"Take him yourselves," Pilate told them, "and judge him according to your Torah."

"It's not legal for us to put anyone to death," the temple authorities said. ³²This happened to fulfill Jesus' words about how he was going to die.

³³Pilate entered the Praetorium again and called Jesus. "Are you the King of the Jews?" he asked.

³⁴"Is that your question," Jesus answered, "or did others tell you about me?"

³⁵"I'm not a Jew, am I?" Pilate asked. "Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶"My reign is not from this world," Jesus answered. "If my reign were from this world, then my servants would fight to keep me from being handed over to the authorities. But now my reign is not from here."

³⁷"Are you a king, then!" Pilate said.

"You say that I'm a king," Jesus answered. "I was born and came into the world for this one reason, to testify to the truth. Everyone who's from the truth listens to my voice."

³⁸"What is truth?" Pilate asked.

After he said this, he went back out to the authorities and told them, "I don't find him at fault. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

⁴⁰Then they all shouted again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rebel.

Chapter Nineteen

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²The soldiers twisted thorns into a crown, put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, slapping him and saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

⁴Then Pilate went out again and told them, "Look, I'm bringing him out to you to let you know that I don't find him at fault."

⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. "Look!" Pilate told them. "Here's the man!"

⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they shouted. "Crucify! Crucify!"

"Take him yourselves, and crucify him," Pilate said, "because I don't find him at fault."

⁷“We have a Torah,” the temple authorities answered, “and according to the Torah he should die, because he made himself the Son of Godde.”

⁸When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered the Praetorium again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?”

But Jesus didn’t answer.

¹⁰“Aren’t you talking to me?” Pilate asked. “Don’t you know that I have the power to free you, and the power to crucify you?”

¹¹“You wouldn’t have any power over me at all if it weren’t given to you from above,” Jesus answered. “So the one who handed me over to you is more guilty.”

¹²At that, Pilate was looking for a way to free him, but the temple authorities cried out. “If you free this man, you’re no friend of Caesar! Everyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!”

¹³When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place called “The Stone Pavement” (“Gabbatha” in Hebrew). ¹⁴Now it was about noon on the Preparation Day of the Passover.

“Look, here’s your ‘King!’” Pilate said to the temple authorities.

¹⁵“Away with him!” they cried out.

“Away with him!”

“Crucify him!”

“Should I crucify your ‘King?’” Pilate mocked.

The chief priests answered. “We have no king but Caesar!”

¹⁶Then Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

So they took Jesus. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place called “Place of a Skull,” (called “Golgotha” in Hebrew). ¹⁸There they crucified him along with two others, one on either side with Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. It read: “JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.” ²⁰Many Jews read this title, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. It was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews complained to Pilate. “Don’t write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘he said, I am King of the Jews.’”

²²“What I’ve written,” Pilate said, “I’ve written.”

²³After the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his robes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his shirt. Now the shirt was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴“We shouldn’t tear it,” they said to each other, “but cast lots for it to see who’ll get it.” This happened to fulfill the Scripture which says:

“They divided my robes among them,
and they cast lots for my shirt.”

So the soldiers did these things.

²⁵Standing near Jesus’ cross was his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there, he said to his mother, “Woman, look, here’s your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Look, your mother!” From that time on, the disciple took care of her.

²⁸After that, knowing that everything was now finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I’m thirsty.” ²⁹A jar full of vinegar was there, so they wrapped a sponge full of the vinegar around a hyssop branch and held it up to his mouth. ³⁰Jesus received the vinegar and said, “It’s done.” He bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Now it was the Preparation Day, and the next day was a special Sabbath. Because the temple authorities didn’t want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have their legs broken and their bodies taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³When they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,

they didn't break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water poured out. ³⁵The one who saw this has testified, and this testimony is true. This witness is telling you the truth so that you may trust. ³⁶These things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken." ³⁷And again, another Scripture says, "They'll look at the one they've pierced." ³⁸After that, Joseph of Arimathaea asked Pilate for Jesus' body. Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, albeit secretly because he was afraid of the temple authorities. Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took away his body. ³⁹He was accompanied by Nicodemus, who had first come to Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰They took Jesus' body and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, according to the burial customs of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified. In the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been buried. ⁴²Since it was the Jewish Preparation Day, they laid Jesus there, because the tomb was nearby.

Chapter Twenty

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw the stone had been taken away from the entrance. ²So she went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple Jesus loved. "They've taken the Lord from the tomb," she told them, "and we don't know where they've put him!"

³Then Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴The two ran together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. ⁵Bending down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter got there after him and entered the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷along with the cloth that had been on his head. It wasn't lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had gotten to the tomb first, entered too. He saw and trusted. ⁹They didn't yet understand from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. ¹⁰So the disciples went back to their own homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent down to look into the tomb. ¹²She saw two angels in white, sitting where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³"Woman," they asked her, "why are you weeping?"

"Because they've taken away my Lord," she told them, "and I don't know where they've put him." ¹⁴When she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵"Woman, why are you weeping?" Jesus asked. "Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she told him, "Sir, if you've carried him away, tell me where you've put him, and I'll get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned toward him and exclaimed in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher!").

¹⁷"Don't cling to me," Jesus told her. "Because I haven't yet gone up to my Mother, go to my sisters and brothers and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Mother and your Mother, to my Godde and your Godde.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples, "I've seen the Lord!" And she told them what he had said to her.

¹⁹That first evening of the week, the disciples huddled behind locked doors because they were afraid of the temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you!" he said.

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus told them, "Peace be with you! As the Mother has sent me, I'm sending you too." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit!" he said. ²³"If you forgive anyone, they've been forgiven. If you don't forgive anyone, they haven't been forgiven."

²⁴But one of the twelve, Thomas (the one called Didymus), wasn't with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he told them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I won't trust."

²⁶Eight days later his disciples were inside, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you!" he said. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Bring your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don't be untrusting, but trusting."

²⁸"My Lord and my Godde!" Thomas exclaimed.

²⁹"You've trusted because you've seen me?" Jesus asked. "Blessed are those who haven't seen and yet have trusted."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which aren't written in this book. ³¹But these have been written so that you may trust that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of Godde, and that by trusting you may have life in his name.

Chapter Twenty-One

After that, Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he revealed himself: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (the one called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They went out and got into the boat. They didn't catch anything that night. ⁴Early the next morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples didn't know that it was Jesus. ⁵So Jesus asked them, "Children, you don't have any fish, do you?"

"No," they answered.

⁶"Cast the net on the right side of the boat," he told them, "and you'll find some." So they cast it. This time there were so many fish they weren't able to haul it in.

⁷The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around him (he was stripped for work) and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish (they weren't far from land, only about a hundred yards away). ⁹When they landed, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰Jesus told them, "Bring some of the fish which you've just caught."

¹¹So Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net to the land. It was full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three in all; but although there were so many, the net wasn't torn.

¹²Jesus told them, "Come and have breakfast."

None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew that it was the Lord.

¹³Jesus took the bread over to them, and the fish too. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus had been revealed to the disciples after he had risen from the dead.

¹⁵Then after they'd eaten, Jesus talked to Simon Peter. "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said. "You know that I love you."

He said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶Then he asked a second time. "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," he said. "You know that I love you."

He said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷The third time he asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you love me?"

"Lord," he said, "you know everything. You know that I love you."

"Feed my sheep," Jesus said. ¹⁸"Believe me when I say that when you were young, you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted. But when you get old, you'll stretch out your hands, and

someone else will dress you and carry you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹He said this to indicate how he was going to die and glorify Godde. After he said this, he told him, "Follow me."

²⁰Then Peter turned around and saw the disciple Jesus loved following them. This was the disciple who had leaned on Jesus during the supper and asked, "Lord, who's going to betray You?" ²¹When he saw the disciple, Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, what about that one?"

²²"If I want that one to live until I come, what's it to you? You follow me!" ²³So the rumor spread among the sisters and brothers that this disciple wouldn't die. But Jesus didn't say the disciple wouldn't die; he said only, "If I want that one to live until I come, what's it to you?"

²⁴This is the disciple who testifies to these things and wrote them down. We know that this testimony is true.

²⁵Jesus did many other things too. If they were all written down, I don't think there'd be enough room in the whole world for all the books that would be written.