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The account of Yeshua's ministry by

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Introduction

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This account about Yeshua's activities and teachings was written by Markos (typically shortened to 'Mark' in English), the son of a Jewish family who lived in Yerushalem/Jerusalem. His mother was named Miryam/Mary (Acts 12:12).

Many people think he was Yohan/John Markos, a cousin of Barnabas (Col. 4:10) who accompanied Paulos on his first long-distance trip to spread the good message about Yeshua the messiah (Acts 12:25, 13:13). We also know that Markos accompanied Kefa (1 Peter 5:13), and some consider that it might have been Kefa who narrated to Markos what Yeshua had done and taught.

This account

This account seems to have been written for non-Jews, especially perhaps those familiar with Romaios customs. So he didn't use as much ink as Matay or Lukas explaining prophecies from the Jewish scriptures but he does however, take time to explain Jewish customs to help non-Jewish readers.

Markos explains here that Yeshua came to serve both God and the people, and he often refers to him as 'the son of humanity' (traditionally translated very literally from the Greek as the 'Son of Man'). We can see that especially in 10:45: "Even the son of humanity didn't come to be served, but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom to set many people free." Markos wants his readers to know that Yeshua did incredible things, but especially focuses on Yeshua's teaching. Markos confirms Yeshua's power and authority by telling about the miracles that he did, his healing of the sick, and his exorcism of demons.

The ending of this account is often disputed, and scholars are still debating (https://textandcanon.org/a-case-for-the-longer-ending-of-mark) about whether or not the longer ending (16:9-20) is original to Markos. The *OET* includes the disputed longer ending, but displays it in a lighter colour to indicate its debatable status.

Main components of Markos' account

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1:1 Here begins the good message about[1] **God's** son, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) the **messiah**:

The ministry of Yohan the immerser (The return of 'Eliyah')[2]

2 The prophet Yeshayah (Isaiah) wrote:

"Look, I'm sending my messenger ahead of you,
the one who'll be preparing your path.[3]
3 The voice out in the wilderness shouting,
'Get the path ready for **Yahweh**—
make it smooth for him to walk on.' "[4]

4 Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) turned up in the wilderness announcing that people should get immersed in water in order to show that their sins have been forgiven, **5** and many from the Yehudah (Judea) region and from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) city went out to hear him, and asked Yohan to immerse them in the Yarden (Jordan) river as they confessed their sins.

6 Yohan was dressed in simple clothes made from camel hair with a leather belt around his waist,[5] and he lived on locusts and wild honey. **7** He also announced, "There's a greater man coming soon—in fact I'm not even good enough to bend down and untie his sandal straps. **8** I immersed you all in water, but he'll immerse you in God's holy **spirit**."

Yeshua gets immersed and then tempted[6]

9 Then one day **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) came from Nazaret (Nazareth) in the Galil region, and he got immersed in the Yarden (Jordan) river by Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes). **10** As Yeshua came up out of the water, he saw the sky being opened up, and God's **spirit** coming down on him like a dove. **11** And a voice came from the sky saying, "You're my son who I love and am pleased with."[7]

12 After that, the **spirit** sent him out into the wilderness **13** where he was tested by Satan for forty days. He was out there with the wild animals, but God's messengers[8] looked after him there.

The selection of the first followers/apprentices[9]

14 After Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) had been arrested, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went back up north to Galil, announcing the good news from **God** **15** saying, "The promised time is here, and **God's** kingdom is now near. Turn from your sins and believe this good news."[10]

16 As he went around Lake Galil, Yeshua saw two fishermen, Shim'on (Simon) and his brother Andreas, throwing a net into the lake **17** and he said to them, "Come with me and I'll make you into fishers of people." **18** So they left their fishing work and went off with Yeshua.

19 Then a bit further on he saw two of Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') sons, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and his brother Yohan, in a boat getting the nets ready. **20** Yeshua called them and they too went off with him, leaving their father Zavday in the boat with the hired workers.

Yeshua drives out a demon[11]

21 They went on into Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) where as soon as a rest day started, he would go into the Jewish meeting hall (Grk. synagogue) and teach there. **22** The congregation was amazed at his teaching, because he taught like someone with authority, not like the regular teachers there.[12]

23 Then a demon-possessed man in the meeting hall suddenly yelled out, **24** "What are we to you, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) of Nazaret (Nazareth)? You've come to destroy us. I know that you're **God's** holy one."

25 But **Yeshua** scolded it,[13] saying, "Keep quiet!", and, "Come out of him!"

26 Then the demon threw the man into a convulsion, cried out loudly, and left him. **27** Everyone was astounded and asked each other, "What just happened? We haven't heard anything like this before—he has authority to command demons, and they obey him!" **28** So then the news about Yeshua spread all over that entire Galil region.

Yeshua heals many others[14]

29 After leaving the meeting hall, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went with Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) into the home of Shim'on (Simon) and Andreas. **30** Inside, Shim'on's mother-in-law was lying down with a fever, and the others spoke to Yeshua about her. **31** When he went up to her, and took hold of her hand and helped

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1 RV 1:1 · Note As well as 'about', the Greek construction can also have the connotation of 'brought by', or even imply both. (Yohan 1:1 also confirms that Yeshua was both the messenger and the message itself.)

2 RV 1:2 · Parallel Mat. 3:1-12; Luke 3:1-18; Yhn. 1:19-28

3 RV 1:2 · Cross-ref. Mal 3:1.

4 RV 1:3 · Cross-ref. Isa 40:3 (LXX).

5 RV 1:6 · Cross-ref. 2Ki 1:8.

6 RV 1:9 · Parallel Mat. 3:13–4:11; Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13

7 RV 1:11 · Cross-ref. Gen 22:2; Psa 2:7; Isa 42:1; Mat 3:17; 12:18; Mrk 9:7; Luk 3:22.

8 RV 1:13 · Note The Greek doesn't actually distinguish between human messengers and heavenly messengers (so-called 'angels'—the Greek word just transliterated letter-by-letter instead of being actually translated).

9 RV 1:14 · Parallel Mat. 4:12-22; Luke 4:14-15; 5:1-11

10 RV 1:15 · Cross-ref. Mat 3:2.

11 RV 1:21 · Parallel Luke 4:31-37

12 RV 1:22 · Cross-ref. Mat 7:28-29.

13 RV 1:25 · Note The Greek pronoun is masculine, implying that the man was the one being scolded, yet "Come out of him!" implies that the spirit is being spoken to.

14 RV 1:29 · Parallel Mat. 8:14-17; Luke 4:38-41

her up, the fever left her and she prepared something for them to eat.

32 That evening when the sun set, the people brought all those who were sick or demon-possessed to Yeshua. 33 It seemed like the entire town had gathered there outside the front door. 34 Yeshua healed many who were sick from a range of diseases, and he commanded many demons to leave—not allowing them to speak because they knew that he was **the messiah**.

Yeshua prays before going preaching[15]

35 In the small hours of the morning, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) got up and went out to a quiet place and prayed there. 36 But Shim'on (Simon) and the others came looking for him, 37 and when they found him they said, "Everyone's looking for you!"

38 "Well," Yeshua answered, "we'll be going into the other villages around here, so that I can also tell them. That's what I came here for." 39 Then he went preaching in all their meeting halls in Galil, and driving out demons.[16]

Yeshua heals a man with leprosy[17]

40 One day, a man with leprosy came to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) asking him, "I know that you could heal me if you wanted to."

41 Yeshua felt compassion for him, reached out his hand and touched him, and said, "Yes, I will. Get well." 42 Then immediately the leprosy disappeared and he was well again. 43 So Yeshua sent him away, but warned him: 44 "Don't talk to anyone—just go to the priest and show him that you're well, and as a testimony of that, make the offering that Mosheh (Moses) commanded so as to be declared clean again."[18]

45 But after the man left, he started telling lots of people and spreading the news—so much so that Yeshua could no longer come into the town but had to stay out in quieter places, and people kept coming to him.

Yeshua heals a paralysed man[19]

2:1 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went back to Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) after a few days, people soon heard that he was back in the house 2 and so many people turned up there that there wasn't any room left—not even in the doorway. Inside, Yeshua was explaining the scriptures to them. 3 Four men arrived, carrying a paralysed man to Yeshua, 4 but because of the crowd, they were unable to get close. So they climbed up onto the flat roof, removed a section, and lowered the paralysed man lying on a pallet. 5 **Yeshua**, observing their faith, said to the man, "Son, your sins are forgiven!"[20]

6 But some of the religious teachers were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why's that fellow talking like that? He's seriously insulting God. There's only one who can forgive sins, and that's **God** himself."

8 Then **Yeshua**, knowing in his spirit that they were reasoning like that, said to them, "Why are you thinking that to yourselves? 9 Which is easier: to tell the paralysed man that his sins have been forgiven, or to tell him to pick up his bedding and walk? 10 But so you all can see that the son of humanity *does* have authority here on the earth to forgive sins," he turned and said to the paralysed man, 11 "Listen. Get up, take your bedding, and go home!"

12 So the man stood up, and picked up his bedding, and went outside, where everyone saw him and marvelled and praised **God** saying, "We've never seen anything like that happen before!"

Levi's (Matthew's) calling[21]

13 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went back out beside the lake where crowds of people kept coming to him and he taught them. 14 As he was passing by the tax office, he saw Levi Halfay (Grk. Halfaios) sitting there and said to him, "Come along with me." So Levi stood up and followed Yeshua.

15 Yeshua ended up having a meal at Levi's place, and many other tax collectors and undesirables were sitting there also, along **with Yeshua** and his followers, because by then, many people were following him around. 16 When the teachers from the Farisaios party noticed that Yeshua was eating beside undesirables and tax-collectors, they asked his followers, "How come he eats with tax-collectors and other low-life?"

17 **Yeshua** overheard them and said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—it's the sick ones that do. I didn't come here to help those who think they have no needs, but I came to call sinners."

The question of fasting[22]

18 Now the followers of Yohan-the-immerser, and members of the Farisaios party, regularly fasted. So a small group came to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked, "How come Yohan's (John's; Grk. Yoannes') followers and the Farisaios party fast regularly, yet your followers don't?"

19 "Can the groomsmen fast when they're celebrating along with him?" **Yeshua** answered, "No, as long as he's still there, they won't be fasting. 20 But in the future, the groom will be taken away from them, and *then* they'll be fasting.

21 "No one sews a patch of new, unshrunken cloth onto used clothes, because the new patch will tear away from that old fabric, and it will end up with a worse tear. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskin containers, be-

15 **RV 1:35 · Parallel** Luke 4:42-44

16 **RV 1:39 · Cross-ref.** Mat 4:23; 9:35.

17 **RV 1:40 · Parallel** Mat. 8:1-4; Luke 5:12-16

18 **RV 1:44 · Cross-ref.** Lev 14:1-32.

19 **RV 2:1 · Parallel** Mat. 9:1-8; Luke 5:17-26

20 **RV 2:5 · Note** Yeshua's hearers would have taken this as a claim to be God, as they knew that only God could forgive sins as v7 shows.

21 **RV 2:13 · Parallel** Mat. 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32

22 **RV 2:18 · Parallel** Mat. 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-39

cause the wine will burst the already stretched wineskins, and then both the wine and the wineskins will be destroyed. New wine must be put into *new* wineskins."

Working on the Rest Day[23]

23 Then it so happened that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his followers passed through some fields of grain on some days of rest. As they went through, they plucked off some heads of grain,[24] 24 and some members of the Farisaios party said, "Hey, it's breaking the law to harvest grain on a rest day!"

25 "You've read yourselves," Yeshua replied, "what David did when he and his men were hungry. 26 They went into **God's** tent and ate the sacred bread representing God's presence. Only the priests were allowed to eat that,[25] and yet David even gave some to his companions!" 27 Then he told the Farisaios, "The days of rest were created for people, not people for the rest days. 28 So I, the son of humanity, have authority also over the day of rest."

The man with the curled-up hand[26]

3:1 Again at another time, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went into the Jewish meeting hall and there was a man there with a curled-up hand. 2 The religious leaders there were watching him closely to see if he would heal the man on the rest day, and then if he did, they would have a case against him. 3 Then Yeshua said to the man with the flawed hand, "Stand up there in the middle." 4 And he asked the leaders, "Is it allowable to do good on the rest day, or only to do evil? To save life, or to kill?" But they didn't reply.

5 After angrily looking around at them, grieving at their complete lack of compassion, he told the man, "Open up your hand!" The man stretched out his fingers, and his hand became totally normal. 6 But the Farisaios quickly left, and meeting with King Herodes's (Herod's) supporters, they conspired to kill Yeshua.

Big crowds press against Yeshua

7 After that, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) withdrew towards the lake with his apprentices as well as a huge crowd of people from the regions of both Galil and down in Yehudah (Judea), 8 along with others from Yerushalem (Jerusalem), Idoumaia, from across the Yarden (Jordan) River, and from up near Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon). That huge crowd came because they had heard about the amazing things he had done. 9 So Yeshua asked his apprentices to organise a small boat to be there for him so he wouldn't be cramped by the press of the crowd.[27] 10 Virtually anyone who had any physical issues was pressing towards him to touch him, because he had already healed so many. 11 And the demons, whenever they saw Yeshua, they fell to their knees on the ground in front of him and yelled out, "You are **God's** son!" 12 However he regularly warned them not to reveal who he was.

Yeshua appoints his twelve representatives[28]

13 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started going up a hill, he called the followers that he had selected and they went off with him. 14 He appointed twelve of them as his representatives so that they could stick with him, and be sent off to be proclaiming his message 15 and to also have authority to exorcise demons.

16 These are the twelve that he appointed: Shim'on (Simon) (but he appended the name "Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros)"), 17 Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and his brother Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) who were Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios') sons (and he nicknamed them the "sons of thunder"), 18 Andreas, Filippos (Philip), Bar-Talmay (Bartholomew; Grk. Bartholomaios), Matay (Matthew; Grk. Matthaios), Toma (Thomas), Ya'akov Halfay (Grk. Halfaios), Thaddaios (Thaddeus), Shim'on from Kena'an (Canaan), 19 and Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot who later betrayed him.

The two opposing spiritual powers[29]

20 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was approaching a house, but the crowd swarmed them again so they had no opportunity to eat. 21 The ones with him heard all the noise and came to get him, because they were wondering if he was crazy.

22 The religious teachers had come up from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and were complaining, "He's possessed by the prince of demons. He can command them because he rules them!"[30]

23 But Yeshua addressed them: "How could Satan command himself? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom could never prosper. 25 If a household is divided against itself, that family will never prosper. 26 So if Satan attacked himself and was split, he couldn't possibly be powerful, but his time would be over.

27 On the contrary, no one can enter a strong man's house to clean out his possessions unless he first ties up that strong man—after that he can work on the goods.

28 Honestly, I assure you that any sins of a person can be forgiven, no matter how much they curse God. 29 But anyone who speaks against the Holy **Spirit** can never be forgiven, but is eternally responsible for their sin."[31] 30 (He said that because they were saying that he was demon-possessed.)

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23 **RV 2:23 · Parallel** Mat. 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5

24 **RV 2:23 · Cross-ref.** Deu 23:25.

25 **RV 2:26 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:9.

26 **RV 3:1 · Parallel** Mat. 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11

27 **RV 3:9-10 · Cross-ref.** Mrk 4:1; Luk 5:1-3.

28 **RV 3:13 · Parallel** Mat. 10:1-4; Luke 6:12-16

29 **RV 3:20 · Parallel** Mat. 12:22-32; Luke 11:14-23; 12:10

30 **RV 3:22 · Cross-ref.** Mat 9:34; 10:25.

31 **RV 3:29 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:10.

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Yeshua's mother and brothers arrive[32]

31 Now Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') mother and brothers came and were standing outside, and they asked someone to tell him that they were there. 32 Some in the crowd sitting around him told Yeshua that his mother and brothers were waiting outside for him.

33 But Yeshua answered, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" 34 And having looked around at the people sitting here, he said, "Actually, you all are my mother and my brothers, 35 because anyone who obeys **God**, that person is my brother and my sister and my mother."

The parable about planting seed[33]

4:1 Again Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started teaching by the edge of the lake. A huge crowd gathered around him, but he had boarded a boat that was floating in the water, and all the people were there on the shore.[34] 2 From there, he taught them many different things in parables, including this one: 3 "Listen. Once there was a farmer who went to spread some seed. 4 As he spread it, some landed on the path, and the birds came and fed on it. 5 Some landed on a rocky part without a lot of soil, and it quickly sprouted in the warm, shallow soil, 6 but when the sun came up, it dried out because the roots weren't deep, and so it just withered up. 7 Some of the seed landed in a thistle patch, and the thistles grew and choked it out, so the plants never bore a crop. 8 But some seed landed in fertile soil and it bore a harvest—some of it multiplying thirty times, some sixty, and some a hundred times."

9 Then Yeshua added, "Anyone who wants to understand, let them consider it."

Why Yeshua speaks in parables[35]

10 Later when the crowd had left, the twelve apprentices asked him about the parables 11 and he told them, "You've been given understanding about **God's** kingdom, but for others, they'll get it in parables

12 so that when they look, they might see but not perceive,
and when they listen, they might hear but not understand,
otherwise they might turn from their sins and be forgiven."[36]

The ground where the seed fell[37]

13 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) said to them, "If you didn't understand this parable, how will you understand any others? 14 The person spreading seed is spreading the good message, 15 and there are some along the path where the good message is being spread, who hear, but Satan turns up immediately and snatches the message that had been planted in them. 16 Similarly, there's some seed that falls onto rocky places where the people who hear the good message happily accept it, 17 but don't make strong roots—just temporary changes. So when they get mocked or attacked about accepting the good message, they quickly stumble. 18 Others are the ones where the seed was spread among the thistles. They heard the good message, 19 but contemporary topics, or the lure of money, or the appetite for other things, choke their good intentions and the message becomes unfruitful in them. 20 But lastly, the seed that landed on the good soil represents the people who hear the good message, accept it, and are fruitful thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times over."

The light will shine on everything[38]

21 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told them, "Obviously no one goes and gets a lamp, and then puts it under a basket or under the bed, but rather they place it somewhere higher on a stand.[39] 22 You see, nothing is hidden that won't eventually be disclosed, and there's no secret that won't eventually be revealed.[40] 23 Anyone who wants to understand must listen carefully," 24 and he continued, "Take care what you listen to. How much you all judge others, so too will judgement be handed out to you, and even more.[41] DOUBLE-CHECK 25 Anyone who has faith will be given a reward, but if you have none, even the little you have will be taken away."[42] DOUBLE-CHECK

The parable about the sprouting seed

26 And then, "**God's** kingdom is like a person throwing some seed onto the ground. 27 Whether the person sleeps at night or stays up night and day, the seed will sprout and grow either way, and they don't know how it does it. 28 The earth is designed to multiply the seed: first a sprout appears, then a bigger plant, and then the full head of grain. 29 Then when it's ripe, the harvester is sent in because it's ready for harvest."[43]

The small seed produces a large result[44]

30 Again he said, "What could we liken **God's** kingdom to? Or what parable could we explain it with?

32 **RV 3:31 · Parallel** Mat. 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21
33 **RV 4:1 · Parallel** Mat. 13:1-9; Luke 8:4-8
34 **RV 4:1 · Cross-ref.** Luk 5:1-3.
35 **RV 4:10 · Parallel** Mat. 13:10-17; Luke 8:9-10
36 **RV 4:12 · Cross-ref.** Isa 6:9-10 (LXX).
37 **RV 4:13 · Parallel** Mat. 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15
38 **RV 4:21 · Parallel** Luke 8:16-18
39 **RV 4:21 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:15; Luk 11:33.
40 **RV 4:22 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:26; Luk 12:2.
41 **RV 4:24 · Cross-ref.** Mat 7:2; Luk 6:38.
42 **RV 4:25 · Cross-ref.** Mat 13:12; 25:29; Luk 19:26.
43 **RV 4:29 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 3:13.
44 **RV 4:30 · Parallel** Mat. 13:31-32,34; Luke 13:18-19

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31 It's like planting a mustard seed in the ground—a very
small seed. 32 But when it's planted and grows up, it forms
a large bush with many branches so that birds can nest in
its shade."

33 And so as much as they could handle it, Yeshua (Jesus;
Grk. Yesus) shared the good message with them via many
similar word pictures. 34 He never spoke without those il-
lustrations, but he explained all of them to his close fol-
lowers.

Yeshua halts the storm on the lake[45]

35 It was already becoming evening on that day, so Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told his apprentices, "Let's all go across to the other shore." 36 Then after sending the crowd away, they got into the boat with him, plus there were some other boats with them. 37 Out on the lake, a big storm came up with strong winds, and the waves started breaking across the boat and filling it with water. 38 However, Yeshua was asleep on a cushion in the back, so they woke him, calling out, "Teacher, don't you care that we're all about to drown?"

39 Now awake, Yeshua scolded the wind and waves, "Quieten down! Stop that!" Then the wind died down and the lake became very calm. 40 Turning back to them he asked, "Why were you all afraid? Don't you have any faith yet?"

41 But now they were very afraid again, and asked each other, "Who could this man be that both the wind and the waves obey him?"

Yeshua sends the demons into pigs[46]

5:1 So they got safely to the Gerasainon region on the other side of the lake. 2 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) climbed out of the boat, a demon-possessed man came out of the tombs to meet him. 3 He lived in those tombs, and no one could tie him up, not even with chains, 4 because he had often been tied up in the past with shackles and chains but had always pulled the chains apart and smashed the shackles, and no one was able to subdue him. 5 All through the day and night, whether in the tombs or up in the hills, he was yelling out and hurting himself with stones.

6 So when he had seen **Yeshua** in the distance, he ran and as a sign of honour fell to his knees on the ground in front of him. 7 Then he called out very loudly, "What will happen between us, **Yeshua**—the son **of** the highest **God**? I beg you in **God's** name not to torment me." 8 Because Yeshua had already started saying, "Come out of the man you ungodly spirit!"

9 Yeshua asked, "What's your name?"

The man answered, "My name is 'Thousands' because there's many of us," 10 and he begged Yeshua not to send them out of the country.

11 It just so happened that there was a large herd of pigs being fed near the hill, 12 and the demons begged Yeshua again saying, "Send us to the pigs so that we can enter them." 13 Yeshua agreed to that, so the ungodly spirits came out of the man, went into the pigs, and the entire herd of some two thousand pigs rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

14 The ones who had been feeding them rushed off and spread the news around in the city and the surrounding area, So the people hurried out to see what had happened. 15 When they arrived where **Yeshua** was, they saw the man who had been demon-possessed, fully-clothed and sitting there in full control of his senses. They knew it was the man called 'Thousands' and they became frightened. 16 Those who had seen it all happen described it all to the people—what had happened both to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.

17 So then the people began asking Yeshua to go away from their region.

18 As Yeshua was climbing back into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed wanted to go with him. 19 But Yeshua wouldn't let him and told him to head back home to his own people, and explain to them what the **master** had done for him, and how he had been merciful to him.

20 So he went away and shared with the people in the Ten Cities region what **Yeshua** had done for him, and they were all amazed.

A woman healed as Yeshua goes to help a dying girl[47]

21 When **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had crossed in the boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd of people came out to the lake edge to see him. 22 Then unexpectedly, one of the religious leaders named Yair (Jairus) came out, and when he found Yeshua, he fell to his knees in front of him 23 and pleaded, "My young daughter is critical and just hanging on for you to come and touch her so that she'll be healed and live."

24 So Yeshua went off with Yair. The large crowd followed also, and many were getting pressed against Yeshua.

25 Then a woman came who had been losing blood for twelve years, 26 and who'd endured much under various doctors despite spending everything she had. After all that, she'd ended up even worse, 27 but when she heard about what **Yeshua** had been doing, she worked her way through the crowd to the back of Yeshua and touched his clothes, 28 because she had told herself, "If I could even just touch his clothes, I'd be healed."

29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she knew that she had been healed. 30 Immediately also, **Yeshua** knew that power had gone out of him, and he turned back towards the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 But his followers said, "You can see all the people that were pressing on you so why would you ask who touched you?"

32 But Yeshua was still looking around to see who had done it 33 when the woman, scared and shaking because of what was happening, came and fell to her knees in front of

45 **RV 4:35 · Parallel** Mat. 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25

46 **RV 5:1 · Parallel** Mat. 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39

47 **RV 5:21 · Parallel** Mat. 9:18-26; Luke 8:40-56

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Yeshua and told him the whole story. 34 "Daughter, your faith has healed you," Yeshua said. "Go in peace and full health."

35 While he was still speaking, messengers came from the religious leader's house to tell Yair (Jairus), "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any more?"

36 But **Yeshua** overheard them telling that to the leader and told him, "Don't be afraid—just keep believing."
37 Yeshua didn't allow anyone to accompany him other than Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros), and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and his brother, Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes).
38 As they approached Yair' house, Yeshua saw a big commotion ahead of them, with lots of wailing and crying going on. 39 As he entered, he said, "Why are you all crying in distress? The child hasn't died—she's just sleeping!"

40 But they just ridiculed Yeshua, so he sent them all outside, just taking the father and mother of the child, along with three with him. He went in where the girl was, 41 and taking her hand, he said, "Young woman, I tell you: get up!" 42 Immediately she got up and walked around, and everyone marvelled at the amazing thing that had happened. (She was twelve years old.) 43 Yeshua repeatedly told them to keep this to themselves, and added that they should give her something to eat.

Yeshua's community can't believe he's from God[48]

6:1 So Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) and went back with his followers to Nazaret (Nazareth) , his birthplace. 2 It was now the Rest Day and when he started teaching in the Jewish meeting hall, many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did that man learn all that? How could he have such wisdom and be able to do those miracles? 3 Isn't that the carpenter, the son of Maria (Mary; Heb. Miryam; Grk. Maria/Mariam), and the brother of Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yosef (Joseph) CHECK and Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) and Shim'on (Simon)? Don't his sisters live around here?" And they were offended by his teaching.

4 Then **Yeshua** told them, "A prophet is only dishonoured in his own home town, and among his own relatives, and in his own home."[49]

5 He wasn't able to do even one miracle there, except for placing his hands on a few sick people and healing them.
6 He was amazed at how they wouldn't believe him as he went around the villages teaching.

Yeshua sends his apprentices out in pairs[50]

7 Then he called his twelve apprentices and started sending them out in pairs and giving them authority over demons. 8 He insisted that they can carry a walking stick, but not to take food, a backpack, or money. 9 They could wear one pair of sandals, but not take changes of clothes, 10 and he told them, "Whenever you're invited into a home, stay at that one place until you all leave that town. 11 But if any places don't want you or don't want to hear what you have to say, just leave that place. As you go, shake the dust off your sandals[51] so they can see that you pass the responsibility of your leaving, onto them."

12 So the apprentices went off and started telling people to repent. 13 In addition, they drove out many demons, and anointed many sick people with olive oil and healed them.[52]

The execution of Yohan-the-immerser[53]

14 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was now becoming well known and King Herodes (Herod) Antipas heard about him. He thought that maybe Yohan-the-immerser had come back to life and that's why Yeshua was able to do miracles.[54]

15 But others thought it was the promised return of Eliyah (Elijah), and yet others thought he must be another prophet like the ones in the Scriptures.

16 But hearing about Yeshua, Herodes was telling people, "That Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) who I had beheaded, he must have come back to life!" 17 Because Herodes himself had had Yohan arrested and put in prison because he had married Herodias, his brother Filippos's (Philip's) wife.[55]
18 Yohan had been telling the king that it was wrong for him to marry his brother's wife, 19 and so Herodias resented him enough to want to kill him, but Herodes hadn't be able to 20 because he respected Yohan as a righteous and holy teacher and so he kept him alive. He often enjoyed hearing from Yohan and thought a lot about what he said.

21 However, an opportunity came at Herodes's birthday celebration, when he threw a feast for his top officials and generals, and for the leaders in Galil. 22 The daughter of Herodias came in and danced for them, and the king and his party guests all enjoyed it. So the king said to the young woman, "Just ask me for anything and I'll give it to you." 23 Then he promised her, "Even if you asked for half of my kingdom, I'd give it to you!"

24 So she went out and asked her mother what she should ask for. Her mother told her that she should ask for Yohan's head.

25 So going back into the party, she said seriously to the king, "I would like the head of Yohan-the-immerser right now on a plate!"

26 The king was really upset with that, but because he'd made loud promises in front of all his guests, he couldn't

48 **RV 6:1 · Parallel** Mat. 13:53-58; Luke 4:16-30

49 **RV 6:4 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 4:44.

50 **RV 6:7 · Parallel** Mat. 10:5-15; Luke 9:1-6

51 **RV 6:11 · Cross-ref.** Acts 13:51.

52 **RV 6:13 · Cross-ref.** Jam 5:14.

53 **RV 6:14 · Parallel** Mat. 14:1-12; Luke 9:7-9

54 **RV 6:14-15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 16:14; Mrk 8:28; Luk 9:19.

55 **RV 6:17-18 · Cross-ref.** Luk 3:19-20.

say no. 27 So he ordered an executioner to go out and return with Yohan's head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison 28 and brought the head into the party on a plate and gave it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. 29 When Yohan's followers heard about that, they came and fetched his body and put it into a tomb.

Yeshua feeds 5,000 people[56]

30 Now the apprentices who had been sent out, returned back to **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), and they reported back everything they had done and what they had been teaching people. 31 Then he told them to head to a quiet place with him to take a break. That was because there were so many people always coming and going, and sometimes they didn't even have a chance to eat. 32 So they went away by boat to a quiet place by themselves.

33 But people from towns all around had seen them going and recognised who they were, so they ran around the lake on foot and got there ahead of them. 34 So when Yeshua got out of the boat, he saw a big crowd and felt sorry for them because they seemed like sheep without a shepherd,[57] so he started teaching them many things. 35 Then, when it was already getting late, his apprentices came up and said, "This place is pretty isolated and it's already late. 36 Send these people off now so they can go to the nearby settlements and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

37 But Yeshua answered them, "You give them something to eat."

They complained, "If we go, should we buy several months wages worth of bread so we can give all of them something to eat?"

38 But he asked, "Go and find out how much bread you all have."

When they'd found out they said, "Five buns and two fish."

39 Yeshua told all the people to line up in rows and sit down on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in rows of fifty to a hundred. 41 Then holding the five buns and two fish, he looked up to the sky and blessed God, and then broke up the buns and gave pieces to his apprentices so they could do likewise to the people, and he also divided up the two fish, 42 and all the people ate and were satisfied. 43 Then they collected the leftover pieces of bread, filling twelve baskets, as well as the leftover pieces of fish. 44 The headcount of men who ate that evening was five thousand.

Yeshua walks on the lake surface[58]

45 Straight after that, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) sent his apprentices off in the boat to go across to Beyt-Tsayda while he sent the crowd home. 46 Then he said goodbye to everyone, and climbed the hill to pray. 47 Later in the night, the boat was out in the middle of the lake, and only Yeshua remained back there on the land. 48 He saw them struggling to row against the wind, and some time after 3am he came out to them, walking on the lake surface as if to walk past them. 49 But they had seen someone walking on the lake and thought it was a ghost, and they yelled out 50 because they had all seen it and were terrified.

But Yeshua immediately spoke to them and told them, "Hey, take heart, it's me, don't be afraid!" 51 Then he climbed up into the boat and the wind died down. They were all totally astounded 52 because they hadn't understood the implications of him feeding all the people because their minds were closed.

Yeshua heals many people around Gennaisaret[59]

53 After completing their crossing, they anchored at Gennaisaret. 54 When they got out of the boat, again people recognised Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) 55 and ran around that region, so next minute people began bringing all of those who were sick, carrying them on pallets to wherever they heard that Yeshua was. 56 After that, whenever Yeshua entered villages or cities, or fields or marketplaces, they laid the sick down there and were imploring him that they might even just touch the edge of his robe, and anyone who did so was healed.

Yeshua suggests obeying God, not tradition[60]

7:1 Some from the Farisaios party and some of the law teachers had come from Yerushalem (Jerusalem) to observe Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) 2 and noticed that some of his followers were eating their food without following their religious customs, i.e., without washing their hands. 3 (The Farisaios and, in fact, all the Jewish religious leaders don't eat without first ceremonially washing their hands as taught by their elders over the generations. 4 They won't eat at the market if they can't do that first, and have many other regulations about ceremonial washing of cups and jugs and copper containers.)

5 Then the Farisaios and religious teachers asked Yeshua, "How come your followers don't respect our Jewish traditions, but eat without the ceremonial washing of hands?"

6 "Yeshayah (Isaiah) got it exactly right," he answered, "when he expressed God's thoughts about you hypocrites and wrote:

'These people honour me with their lips,
but their real desires are far away from me.
7 Their worship of me is worthless—
teaching man-made rules as if they are from God.'[61]

8 You've ignored **God's** commands instead accepting human traditions.

9 "You all simply dismiss **God's** commands in favour of your own customs, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued.

56 **RV 6:30 · Parallel** Yhn 6:1-14; Mat. 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17

57 **RV 6:34 · Cross-ref.** Num 27:17; 1Ki 22:17; 2Ch 18:16; Eze 34:5; Mat 9:36.

58 **RV 6:45 · Parallel** Yhn 6:15-21; Mat. 14:22-33

59 **RV 6:53 · Parallel** Mat. 14:34-36

60 **RV 7:1 · Parallel** Mat. 15:1-9

61 **RV 7:6-7 · Cross-ref.** Isa 29:13 (LXX).

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10 Mosheh (Moses) teaches us,
'Honour your parents,'[62]
and
'Anyone dishonestly slandering their parents deserves the death penalty.'[63]
11 But when you all encourage people to say, 'Whatever I had that may have helped you guys has been given to God',
12 you are actively discouraging them from helping their parents—
13 overriding **God's** message with your very convenient teaching that you disseminate instead. And that's not the only example!"

Evil comes from inside a person[64]

14 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called out to the crowd, "Everyone listen to me carefully:
15 Nothing that enters your mouth makes you guilty in God's eyes. It's what comes *out* of you that demonstrates your culpability."
16 ◘ 17 When Yeshua came back inside, his apprentices asked him what he meant.
18 "Can't you understand something so simple," he scolded them. "Can't you see that anything from the outside that enters your body doesn't make you guilty in God's sight,
19 because it doesn't enter your mind but merely goes into your stomach and ends up in the toilet." (By saying this he clearly showed that it was ok for Yehudim (Jews) to eat any food.)
20 "It's what comes out of you that makes you guilty in God's eyes," he continued.
21-22 "That's because evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, arrogance, lust, slander, pride, and foolishness all come from *inside* people's hearts and minds.
23 So it's the evil that's inside a person and comes out that makes them guilty in God's eyes."

The bold faith of a non-Jewish woman[65]

24 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left that place and went up north into the regions of Tsor (Tyre) and Tsidon (Sidon). He tried to enter a house without being noticed but didn't succeed,
25 and straight away a woman who had heard about him turned up. She knelt in front of him because she had a young daughter who was demon-possessed.
26 The woman was Greek from Foinikai in Aram (Syria), and she begged Yeshua to command the demon to leave her daughter.
27 "Let the Jewish children be treated first," he told her, "because it's not good to take the children's food and give it to the household dogs."
28 "Yes, **master**," she responded, "but the puppies under the table *do* get to eat the little crumbs that the children drop."
29 "Ha, go home now" he answered, "As a result of how you just spoke, the demon has already left your daughter."
30 And when she got home, the demon had indeed gone and the young girl was lying quietly on her bed.

Yeshua heals a deaf man who couldn't speak

31 Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left the Tsor (Tyre) region, passed through Tsidon (Sidon), and came down the eastern side of Galil Lake to the Dekapolis region.
32 The people there brought a man to him who couldn't hear or speak, and asked Yeshua to heal him.
33 So Yeshua took the man back away from the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears, then he spat and touched the man's tongue.
34 Looking up to the sky, he sighed and said, "Open up!"
35 Then the man could hear, and his tongue was released and he began to speak properly.
36 Then Yeshua advised that they shouldn't tell anyone, but the more he said that, the more they seemed to spread it around.
37 The crowds were totally amazed, saying, "He can do anything—he makes the deaf able to hear, and enables those who couldn't speak."

Yeshua feeds 4,000 people[66]

8:1 Another time there was a large crowd again with nothing to eat. Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) called his apprentices and told them,
2 "I feel sorry for all these people because they've already been with us for three days and haven't had anything to eat.
3 I can't send them home because they're too weak to walk, and some have a long way to go."
4 "Where could anyone find enough food out here in the wilderness?" his apprentices queried.
5 "How much bread have you all got?" he asked.
"Seven buns," they answered.
6 So Yeshua instructed the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven buns, gave thanks and pulled them apart, giving pieces to his apprentices to then distribute to the crowd.
7 They also had a few small cooked fish, so he blessed them too and got them to distribute them as well.
8 After all the people had eaten and were full, they collected seven basketfuls of leftovers.
9 There were some four thousand people there that day, and Yeshua sent them home after they'd eaten.
10 Then he and his apprentices climbed into the boat and headed for the Dalmanoutha region.

The religious leaders want to see a miracle[67]

11 Some men from the Farisaios party came out to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and started arguing with him. They were checking him out and wanted to see him do a miracle.[68]
12 Yeshua grieved inside and asked, "Why do you people need to see a miracle before you'll believe me? Actually, no miracle will be done for this genera-

62 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.
63 **RV 7:10 · Cross-ref.** Exo 21:17; Lev 20:9.
64 **RV 7:14 · Parallel** Mat. 15:10-20
65 **RV 7:24 · Parallel** Mat. 15:21-28
66 **RV 8:1 · Parallel** Mat. 15:32-39
67 **RV 8:11 · Parallel** Mat. 16:1-4
68 **RV 8:11 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:38; Luk 11:16.

tion."[69]

13 So Yeshua left in the boat again and crossed to the other side of the lake.

The apprentices miss the significance of what's happening[70]

14 But Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices forgot to take any food other than one bun that someone in the boat had. 15 He told them, "Watch out for the yeast of the Farisaios[71] and of King Herodes (Herod)."

16 They asked each other what it meant—was it because they forgot food?

17 But **Yeshua** knew what they were saying and asked, "Why are you all discussing about not having food? Can't you figure it out? Or are your minds completely closed? 18 You all have eyes but can't seem to see and have ears but can't seem to listen.[72] Have you already forgotten what just happened? 19 When I broke up the five buns to feed five thousand people, how many basketfuls of leftovers did you collect?"

"Twelve," they answered.

20 "And when we fed four thousand with seven buns, how many full baskets of leftovers then?"

"Seven," they answered.

21 "So how can you all fail to understand what's going on right in front of you," Yeshua asked.

Yeshua heals a blind man near Beyt-Tsayda

22 As they entered Beyt-Tsayda, the people brought a blind man to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked him to touch him. 23 So Yeshua took the man's hand and led him out of the village. Then he spat in his eyes, placed his hands on him, and asked him, "Can you see anything?"

24 The man looked around and answered, "I can see the people, but they just look like trees." 25 Yeshua touched the man's eyes again and then he could see clearly—he was now completely better. 26 Then Yeshua told him not to go back into the village but to go straight home.

Yeshua asks who they think he is[73]

27 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and his apprentices moved around the various villages of Kaisareia-Filippi (Caesarea Philippi). On the way, he asked them, "Who does everyone think I am?"

28 "Some say Yohan-the-immerser," they said, "some say Eliyah (Elijah), and some say one of the prophets."[74]

29 "And what do you all think?" he asked.

"You are the promised one sent by God," Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) answered him.[75]

30 Then Yeshua warned them not to tell others about him.

Yeshua's radical challenge to his would-be followers[76]

31 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) began teaching his apprentices that the son of humanity would need to suffer a lot, to be rejected by the religious leaders, and so to be put to death but to come back to life after three days. 32 He taught this very clearly, but Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) took him aside and told him off. 33 Yeshua turned back and looked at the others, then reprimanded Kefa, "Stand back, Satan—you're applying human values instead of considering **God's** plan."

34 Calling out to them and to the crowd, he said, "Anyone who wants to follow me must first put aside their own desires and then follow me—even through very difficult times.[77] 35 Anyone who worries about saving their own life will lose it, but anyone who gives their life due to following me and my teaching will save their life.[78] 36 No, it doesn't benefit a person if they gain everything in the world yet lose their soul. 37 What can someone offer in order to buy a home for their soul? 38 Yes, anyone who's ashamed of me and my message in front of this adulterous and sinful generation, the son of humanity will likewise be ashamed of them when he comes clearly displaying his father's greatness and bringing the holy messengers."

9:1 Then he continued, "I can assure you that some of the ones standing here won't die until they've seen **God's** powerful kingdom arrive."

Mosheh and Eliyah speak with Yeshua[79]

2 Six days later, **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) took Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes), and just the four of them went up onto a high hill. Then he was transformed right in front of their eyes[80] 3 and his clothes turned incredibly shining white—whiter than any bleach could make them. 4 Then Eliyah (Elijah) and Mosheh (Moses) appeared beside **Yeshua** and started talking with him. 5 Kefa said **to Yeshua**, "Teacher, it's good that we're here. Maybe we could make three shelters up here: one for you, one for Mosheh, and one for Eliyah?" 6 He said that because they were terrified and didn't know what to say.

7 Then a cloud shadowed them from the sun, and a voice

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69 RV 8:12 · Cross-ref. Mat 12:39; Luk 11:29.

70 RV 8:14 · Parallel Mat. 16:5-12

71 RV 8:15 · Cross-ref. Luk 12:1.

72 RV 8:18 · Cross-ref. Jer 5:21; Eze 12:2; Mrk 4:12.

73 RV 8:27 · Parallel Mat. 16:13-20; Luke 9:18-21

74 RV 8:28 · Cross-ref. Mrk 6:14-15; Luk 9:7-8.

75 RV 8:29 · Cross-ref. Yhn 6:68-69.

76 RV 8:31 · Parallel Mat. 16:21-28; Luke 9:22-27

77 RV 8:34 · Cross-ref. Mat 10:38; Luk 14:27.

78 RV 8:35 · Cross-ref. Yhn 12:25; Mat 10:39; Luk 17:33.

79 RV 9:2 · Parallel Mat. 17:1-13; Luke 9:28-36

80 RV 9:2-7 · Cross-ref. 2Pe 1:17-18.

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came out of the cloud saying, "This is my dear son. Listen to him."[81] 8 When they looked around, they couldn't see anyone else there anymore, except for **Yeshua** himself.

9 As they came down the hill again, Yeshua told them not to tell anyone what had happened up there until after the son of humanity had come back to life.

10 They remembered that, although between all three of them they couldn't understand the bit about coming back to life, 11 so they asked Yeshua, "Isn't it written that Eliyah will be the first to return?"[82]

12 "Yes," he answered, "Eliyah (Elijah) is indeed the one to come first to start the restoration. But isn't it also written that the son of humanity will be despised and will suffer a lot? 13 You see, Eliyah has come already, and they treated him just however they liked, just like it was written that it would happen."

Yeshua drives out a stubborn demon[83]

14 When they got back to his other followers, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) saw that they were surrounded by a large crowd and the religious teachers were debating with them. 15 The crowd were very surprised when they noticed Yeshua and came running to greet him. 16 He asked them, "What were you all arguing with them about?"

17 One of the people answered, "Teacher, I brought my son here—he has a demon that prevents him from speaking. 18 Whenever it takes hold of him, it attacks him and he starts foaming at the mouth and grating his teeth and his joints lock up. I tried to get your followers to command it to leave but they couldn't."

19 "You're a faithless generation," Yeshua replied. "How much longer will I have to be here? How much longer can I tolerate you all? Bring him here." 20 So they brought the boy to him. When he saw Yeshua, the demon immediately caused him to have convulsions and fall on the ground—rolling over and foaming at the mouth.

21 Yeshua asked the boy's father, "How long has this been happening for?"

"Since he was small," he replied, 22 "and often it throws him into the fire or into water to try to destroy him. But if can do anything and you feel sorry for us, please help us."

23 **Yeshua** asked him, "If I can? A person who believes can do anything."

24 The boy's father cried out, "I do believe—help me to fight unbelief."

25 Then **Yeshua** noticing that a big crowd was quickly forming, scolded the evil spirit, "You spirit who causes muteness and deafness, leave this boy now and never return to him."

26 There was yelling and strong convulsions, and then the demon left him and the boy lay still as if dead, and many people thought he was. 27 However **Yeshua** took his hand and lifted it, and the boy got up.

28 When Yeshua and his apprentices had gone into the house by themselves, they asked him, "How come we couldn't drive it out?"

29 "That kind will only leave after prayer and fasting," he replied.

Yeshua talks again about being executed[84]

30 Then they left that place and were moving around Galil, because Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) didn't want people to know where he was 31 while he was teaching his apprentices. He told them, "The son of humanity will be arrested and executed, but after three days he'll come back to life."

32 But they didn't know what that meant, and they were too scared to ask him.

How to be the best[85]

33 Then they went to Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) and when they arrived at the house, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) asked them what they were discussing on the way.

34 But they didn't reply because while they were walking, they'd been talking about which of them is the best.[86] 35 So Yeshua sat down and called the twelve of them and explained, "Anyone who wants to be at the top, has to be at the bottom and help all the others."[87] 36 Then Yeshua called a young boy and stood him in the middle of them, and giving him a hug said, 37 "Anyone who welcomes young children on my behalf, welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me is not actually welcoming me, but welcoming the one who sent me here."[88]

Others are also serving Yeshua[89]

38 Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) checked with Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "Teacher, we saw someone using your authority to command demons to leave, but we told him off because he wasn't one of us."

39 **Yeshua** responded, "No, don't stop him, because anyone who does a miracle using my name won't just quickly turn around and slander me. 40 Yes, anyone who's not against us is for us.[90] 41 **Anyone** who gives you water to drink because you're followers **of** God's **chosen one** and who does it because they're working for me, I can assure

81 **RV 9:7 · Cross-ref.** Mat 3:17; Mrk 1:11; Luk 3:22.

82 **RV 9:11 · Cross-ref.** Mal 4:5; Mat 11:14.

83 **RV 9:14 · Parallel** Mat. 17:14-21; Luke 9:37-43a

84 **RV 9:30 · Parallel** Mat. 17:22-23; Luke 9:43b-45

85 **RV 9:33 · Parallel** Mat. 18:1-5; Luke 9:46-48

86 **RV 9:34 · Cross-ref.** Luk 22:24.

87 **RV 9:35 · Cross-ref.** Mat 20:26-27; 23:11; Mrk 10:43-44; Luk 22:26.

88 **RV 9:37 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 13:20; Mat 10:40; Luk 10:16.

89 **RV 9:38 · Parallel** Luke 9:49-50

90 **RV 9:40 · Cross-ref.** Mat 12:30; Luk 11:23.

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you that they'll receive their reward.[91]

Difficult teachings about disobedience[92]

42 "But anyone who causes a young person to falter from their trust in me, it would be better if they were thrown into the sea with a heavy weight tied around their neck. 43 If your hand causes you to disobey God, cut it off—it's better to enter eternal life being maimed, than to have two hands but to be thrown into the fire that never goes out.[93] 44 ◘ 45 And if your foot causes you to disobey God, cut it off—it's better to enter eternal life being maimed, than to have two feet but to be thrown into hell. 46 ◘ 47 And if your eye causes you to disobey God, gouge it out—it's better to enter **God's** kingdom one-eyed, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell[94] 48 where the worms never die and the fire never goes out.

49 "Everyone will be salted with fire.

50 "Now salt is good, but if it were to go bad, what would you season your food with then?[95] So keep yourselves like salt, and strive to get on well with each other."

It's God that joins husband and wife[96]

10:1 Then Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) left Kafarnaoum (Capernaum) and went down to the Yehudah (Judea) area and across the Yarden (Jordan) river. Again the crowds followed him, and he taught them just like he usually did.

2 Some from the Farisaios party approached Yeshua to check him out and asked, "Does the law allow a husband to dismiss his wife?"

3 "Well, what law did Mosheh (Moses) give to you all?" he asked.

4 They answered, "Mosheh said that a husband is allowed to write a statement of divorce and dismiss his wife with it."[97]

5 "Yes, he wrote that law," **Yeshua** responded, "because he saw your stubborn desires, 6 but God made both men and women right at the beginning.[98] 7 As a result, a man leaves his parents and joins together with his wife[99] 8 and the couple become a single unit. So there's no longer two of them, but only one. 9 So if it's **God** who joins them together like that, no person has the authority to separate them."

10 Back in the house again, his apprentices asked about that, 11 and Yeshua told them, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another person, commits adultery towards his wife."[100] 12 And likewise, if the wife divorces her husband and marries another person, she's committing adultery towards her husband."

Yeshua encourages childlike faith[101]

13 The people were bringing small children for Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) to touch, but his apprentices scolded them. 14 However, **Yeshua** noticed it and was upset, "Just let those kids come. Don't prevent them, because **God's** kingdom consists of people like them. 15 Actually, you can't even enter **God's** kingdom unless you accept it just like a small child does."[102] 16 So he continued hugging the children and commanding a good life for them as he placed his hands on each one.

Leaving everything behind to be saved[103]

17 One time when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was starting out on a trip, a man caught up to him and kneeling down in front of him asked, "Good teacher, what do I have to do to inherit eternal life?"

18 "Why do you call me *good*?" he asked. "No person is good—only **God** is. 19 You know God's instructions: don't murder,[104] don't commit adultery,[105] don't steal,[106] don't lie in court,[107] don't defraud others, and honour your parents."[108]

20 "Teacher, I've kept all of those since I was young," the man responded.

21 **Yeshua** looked up at him with genuine love and said, "There's one thing still to be done: sell everything you have and give the money to the poor—then you'll have wealth in heaven. After that, come and follow me." 22 But the man grew very sad when he heard that, and he went away upset because he owned many properties.

23 **Yeshua** looked around and told his followers, "It's so difficult for wealthy people to enter **God's** kingdom."

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91 **RV 9:41 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:42.
92 **RV 9:42 · Parallel** Mat. 18:6-9; Luke 17:1-2
93 **RV 9:43 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:30.
94 **RV 9:47 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:29.
95 **RV 9:50 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:13; Luk 14:34-35.
96 **RV 10:1 · Parallel** Mat. 19:1-12; Luke 16:18
97 **RV 10:4 · Cross-ref.** Deu 24:1-4; Mat 5:31.
98 **RV 10:6 · Cross-ref.** Gen 1:27; 5:2.
99 **RV 10:7-8 · Cross-ref.** Gen 2:24.
100 **RV 10:11-12 · Cross-ref.** Mat 5:32; 1Cor 7:10-11.
101 **RV 10:13 · Parallel** Mat. 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17
102 **RV 10:15 · Cross-ref.** Mat 18:3.
103 **RV 10:17 · Parallel** Mat. 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30
104 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:13; Deu 5:17.
105 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:14; Deu 5:18.
106 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:15; Deu 5:19.
107 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:16; Deu 5:20.
108 **RV 10:19 · Cross-ref.** Exo 20:12; Deu 5:16.

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24 (His followers were a bit stunned at his teaching.)
Yeshua continued, "Yes, it's certainly difficult to enter
into **God's** kingdom. 25 It's easier for a camel to go through
the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter **God's**
kingdom."
26 Now they were totally stunned, asking, "How can anyone possibly be saved then?"
27 **Yeshua** looked intently at them, "Yes, humanly it's
quite impossible. But with **God** it's different—God can do
anything!"
28 Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) said, "Well, we left everything
and came and followed you."
29 "Yes, I can assure you all," **Yeshua** answered, "that
anyone who left their home or farm, and left their siblings
or parents or children because of me and my teaching,
30 they'll be rewarded one hundred times over with homes
and farms and siblings and parents and children along
with times of persecution, but gaining eternal life in the
next era. 31 But many at the top now will be at the bottom
then, and many at the bottom now will be blessed then."[109]

Yeshua's third prediction about his execution[110]

32 They were heading south on
their way to Yerushalem (Jerusalem)
with **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) in
front, and his followers were a bit surprised and a bit
scared. Yeshua took the twelve aside, and started telling
them what was going to happen to him, 33 "We're on our
way down to Yerushalem and the son of humanity will be
turned over to the chief priests and the religious teachers,
and they'll sentence him to be executed and hand him over
to the non-Jews. 34 Then they'll ridicule him and spit on
him before they beat him and execute him, but he'll come
back to life again in three days time."

How to become respected in God's kingdom[111]

35 Then Zavday's (Grk. Zebedaios')
two sons, Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes),
approached Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked, "Teacher,
we'd like to ask a favour from you—please don't disappoint
us."
36 "What do you want from me?" Yeshua asked.
37 They answered, "Allow us two to sit beside you in
heaven—one of us on each side of you."
38 "You don't even understand what you're asking for,"
Yeshua replied. "Do you think you could endure the suffering that I have to go through? Or to be enveloped in the
darkness that I have to go down into?"[112]
39 "Sure we can," they replied.
"And indeed you all will suffer like me and be enveloped
in darkness like I will be," responded **Yeshua**, 40 "but as for
deciding who will sit next to me, that's not my decision to
make because it's already been decided."
41 When the ten other apprentices heard what those two
had asked for, they were upset at Ya'akov (Jacob) and
Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes). 42 But **Yeshua** called them
over, "Listen, in most countries their rulers boss the people around and their leaders exert their authority over
them.[113] 43 But it doesn't work like that with you—anyone
of you who wants to be honoured must serve the others,[114]
44 and anyone who wants to become the most respected
has to work like a slave does. 45 Even the son of humanity
didn't come to be served, but to serve others and to give
his life as a ransom to set many people free."

Blind Bar-Timaios gets his miracle[115]

46 They arrived at Yeriho (Jericho),
and then when Yeshua (Jesus; Grk.
Yesus) and his apprentices were leaving again with a large
crowd following, they came across blind Bar-Timaios (Grk.
Bartimaios) (Timaios' son) sitting beside the path begging.
47 When he heard that it was **Yeshua** from Nazaret going
past, he yelled out, "**Yeshua**, promised descendant of
David, help me please."
48 When several people told him to stop, he just yelled
out even louder, "Yeshua, promised descendant of David,
please help me."
49 Then **Yeshua** stopped and got the people to call the
blind man. So they called him, "Hey, be confident! Get up
and come because he's called for you."
50 So Bar-Timaios threw off his jacket, jumped up, and
was led to **Yeshua**.
51 "Now, what do you want me to do for you?" **Yeshua**
asked.
"My teacher, I'd like to be able to see," Bar-Timaios
replied.
52 "Okay, off you go then," **Yeshua** responded. "Your
faith has saved you."
Immediately Bar-Timaios was able to see, and followed
along the path after Yeshua.

Yeshua is treated like a king entering Yerushalem[116]

11:1 As they got close to
Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and were
passing Beyt-Fagey (Bethphage) and
Beyt-Ania (Bethany) on the Mt. of Olives, Yeshua (Jesus;
Grk. Yesus) sent two of his apprentices ahead. 2 telling
them, "Go on to the next village and as you enter it, you'll
see a young donkey that hasn't ever been ridden yet. Untie
it and bring it back here. 3 If anyone asks what you're doing, tell them that the **master** needs it and he'll return it
later."
4 So they went ahead and found a donkey tied up on the

109 RV 10:31 · Cross-ref. Mat 20:16; Luk 13:30.
110 RV 10:32 · Parallel Mat. 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34
111 RV 10:35 · Parallel Mat. 20:20-28
112 RV 10:38 · Cross-ref. Luk 12:50.
113 RV 10:42-43 · Cross-ref. Luk 22:25-26.
114 RV 10:43-44 · Cross-ref. Mat 23:11; Mrk 9:35; Luk 22:26.
115 RV 10:46 · Parallel Mat. 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43
116 RV 11:1 · Parallel Yhn 12:12-19; Mat. 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-40

path just outside the door of a house, and so they went to untie it. 5 But some of the people standing around there said, "Hoy! What do you think you're doing untying that donkey?"

6 So they responded just as **Yeshua** had told them, and the people allowed them to proceed. 7 They brought the young donkey to **Yeshua**, placing their coats over it before Yeshua mounted it. 8 As Yeshua rode it into Yerushalem, many people laid their coats on the road, while others lay down leafy branches cut from trees in nearby fields.
9 Some went ahead and others came along behind, shouting, "This is the saviour who comes with the authority and blessing from **Yahweh**[117]— 10 the promised ancestor of King David who is blessed as he ushers in his kingdom—the blessed saviour from heaven."

11 And so Yeshua arrived in Yerushalem and went into the temple and looked all around, but because it was now evening, he went back out to Beyt-Ania (Bethany) village (Bethany) with his twelve apprentices.

Yeshua curses a fig tree[118]

12 The next day after they'd left Beyt-Ania (Bethany) village (Bethany), Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was hungry. 13 From a distance he noticed a fig tree that was in leaf so he went over to see if there was any fruit on it, but when he reached it there was only leaves because it wasn't the right season for figs. 14 So he spoke to the tree, "No one in this age will ever eat fruit from you again." (His followers heard him say that.)

Yeshua upsets the traders inside the temple[119]

15 Then they came back into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and on into the temple where Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) started driving out the sellers and the buyers that were trading in there. Then he tipped over the money-changers' tables and the chairs of the ones selling doves, 16 and stopped others from carrying goods through the temple. 17 He taught them, "Isn't it written in the Scriptures,

'My house will be known as a prayer house for all the nations to use'?[120]
But all of you have turned it into a sanctuary for swindlers."[121]

18 When the chief priests and the religious teachers heard that, they started looking for a way that they could destroy him, because they were afraid of him and the way that the whole crowd marvelled at his teaching.

19 Every evening, Yeshua and his apprentices would go out of the city to stay overnight.

Yeshua gives a lesson on moving mountains[122]

20 As they entered the city again in the morning, Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices noticed that the fig tree was totally dead. 21 Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) remembered what he had said to the tree, and commented, "Teacher, that fig tree that you cursed has withered up."

22 "Use your faith in **God**, **Yeshua** responded. 23 I can assure you all that if anyone tells a mountain to go away into the sea, and doesn't doubt in their mind but believes that what they're saying will happen, then it will.[123] 24 So I tell you all that anything you ask God for in your prayers, if you believe that you have received it, then you will. 25 All of you, whenever you're standing praying, if you have something against someone, be sure to forgive them so that your father in heaven can also forgive your disobedience."[124]

The leaders question Yeshua's authority[125]

26 ◘ 27 They continued on into Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and on to the temple where they were met by the chief priests and the religious teachers and the elders. 28 They asked Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), "Did you have any authority to do what you did? If so, who gave it to you?"

29 "Okay, I'll also ask you something," **Yeshua** replied, and when you all answer me, I'll tell you about my authority to do that: 30 When Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) preached and immersed people, did the authority for that come from heaven or from people here?"

31 They discussed that among themselves, reasoning, "If we say it was from heaven, he'll ask us why we didn't believe him then. 32 But we can't say that it was just from people." (They said that because they were scared of the crowds, knowing that they believed that Yohan really was a prophet.) 33 So they answered, "We don't know."

"Well then," **Yeshua** responded, "I won't tell you about my authority to do those things either."

The parable about the tenants killing the owner's son[126]

12:1 Then he started telling them some parables: "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it, dug out a wine-pressing pit, and built a security tower.[127] Then he rented it out and went off travelling. 2 At harvest time, he sent a slave to go to the tenant farmers and get his percentage of the harvest. 3 But the tenants grabbed the slave and beat him up, then sent him back

117 **RV 11:9 · Cross-ref.** Psa 118:25-26.
118 **RV 11:12 · Parallel** Mat. 21:18-19
119 **RV 11:15 · Parallel** Yhn 2:13-22; Mat. 21:12-17; Luke 19:45-48
120 **RV 11:17 · Cross-ref.** Isa 56:7.
121 **RV 11:17 · Cross-ref.** Jer 7:11.
122 **RV 11:20 · Parallel** Mat. 21:20-22
123 **RV 11:23 · Cross-ref.** Mat 17:20; 1Cor 13:2.
124 **RV 11:25-26 · Cross-ref.** Mat 6:14-15.
125 **RV 11:26 · Parallel** Mat. 21:23-27; Luke 20:1-8
126 **RV 12:1 · Parallel** Mat. 21:33-46; Luke 20:9-19
127 **RV 12:1 · Cross-ref.** Isa 5:1-2.

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empty-handed. 4 The owner sent a second slave, but they
insulted that one and struck him on the head. 5 So the
owner sent a third slave and they murdered him. He sent
many other slaves—some they just beat up and others they
murdered. 6 But the owner still had his one, dearly loved
son, so finally he sent him to go, thinking that they would
now be convinced because it was his son. 7 However, those
tenant farmers said to each other, 'Ah ha. This is the one
who will inherit this land. If we kill *him*, we'll be the ones
to control the estate.' 8 So they took him and killed him,
and threw the body outside the vineyard fence.

9 "Now, what do you think the vineyard owner will do?
Yes, he'll come and eliminate those evil tenants, and give
the contract to others. 10 Haven't you all read this in the
scriptures:

'the stone that the builders rejected
became the important cornerstone
11 that was given by **Yahweh**,
and we think it's incredible.'?"[128]

12 Then those leaders tried to arrest him because they
knew that it was them that the parable was addressed at,
but they couldn't do it because Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus)
had the favour of the crowd, so they just left the area.

Yeshua answers about paying taxes[129]

13 Then the religious leaders sent
some members of the Farisaios party
and some of the political supporters
of King Herodes (Herod) to try to catch Yeshua (Jesus; Grk.
Yesus) out. 14 So they flattered him, "Teacher, we know
that you are honest even if it upsets others, and that you
teach the truth about **God** without caring about people's
opinions. Is it right for us Yehudim (Jews) to pay the poll
tax to the Romaios emperor or not? How should we handle
this?"

15 However, knowing their hypocrisy, Yeshua responded
to them, "Why are all of you trying to test me? Bring me a
coin so I can see it."

16 When they brought him a coin, he asked, "Whose im-
age and inscription are on this coin?"

"The emperor's," they answered.

17 "Well then," said **Yeshua**, "give the emperor whatever
is due him, but give **God** what is owed **to God**."

After that, they had to admit that that was an outstand-
ing answer.

Yeshua explains that those who've died are alive[130]

18 Another time, members of the
Saddoukaios (Sadducee) sect (which
says that there's no resurrection),[131]
came to Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked, 19 "Teacher,
Mosheh (Moses) wrote that if a man's married brother
should die before his wife without having any children,
then his brother should marry her to produce descendants
in his brother's name.[132] 20 Now what if there were seven
brothers and the first one got married and died childless.
21 So then the second brother took her in, but again died
childless, and then too the third. 22 Eventually all seven
brothers died childless, and finally the woman also died.
23 Now, at the resurrection of the dead, which brother will
she be the wife of, because at some point, she was married
to each of the seven of them?"

24 "Actually you're all quite wrong," **Yeshua** answered,
"because you ignore the scriptures and also because you
haven't experienced **God's** power. 25 When the dead do
come back to life, they won't be getting engaged or mar-
ried, but will be like the messengers in the heavens. 26 But
as for the state of those who've died, didn't you all read in
the scriptures about Mosheh when **God** spoke to him in
front of the burning thorn bush and said, 'I *am* the **god** of
Avraham and the **god** of Yitshak (Isaac) and the **god** of
Ya'akov' (Jacob)?[133] 27 So God is not the **god** of the dead,
but of the living. You Saddoukaios (Sadducees) are very
wrong!"

Yeshua answers about genuine obedience to God[134]

28 Then one of the religious teach-
ers who had heard their question
and Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') ex-
cellent answer, came closer and asked, "Which of God's
commands is the most important?"

29 "Well," **Yeshua** answered, "the most important is this:
'Listen, Yisrael (Israel). Our **God Yahweh** is our **master**.
30 You must love **Yahweh God** with all your heart and all
your soul, and with all your mind and all your strength.'[135]
31 And the second is: 'Love your neighbour like you look af-
ter yourself.'[136] There's no other commands more impor-
tant than these."

32 The teacher replied to Yeshua, "Yes, teacher, you're
quite right saying there's only one God and no other,[137]
33 and saying that we should love him with all our heart
and all our intelligence and all our strength, and to be lov-
ing our neighbours like we look after ourselves, and all this
is more important than all the required temple offerings

128 RV 12:10-11 · Cross-ref. Psa 118:22-23.
129 RV 12:13 · Parallel Mat. 22:15-22; Luke 20:20-26
130 RV 12:18 · Parallel Mat. 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-40
131 RV 12:18 · Cross-ref. Acts 23:8.
132 RV 12:19 · Cross-ref. Deu 25:5.
133 RV 12:26 · Cross-ref. Exo 3:6.
134 RV 12:28 · Parallel Mat. 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-28
135 RV 12:29-30 · Cross-ref. Deu 6:4-5.
136 RV 12:31 · Cross-ref. Lev 19:18.
137 RV 12:32 · Cross-ref. Deu 4:35.

and sacrifices."[138]

34 When **Yeshua** saw that he'd given such a thoughtful answer, he said, "You're very close to **God's** kingdom!"[139]

After that, no one else dared to ask Yeshua any more questions.

Yeshua asks about the messiah being David's descendant[140]

35 Later when **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was teaching in the temple, he asked the people, "How is it that the teachers here say that the **messiah** is a descendant of King David? 36 Because David himself said under the inspiration of the holy **spirit**,

'**Yahweh** told my **master**,
"Sit there in the position of honour
until I can conquer your enemies." '[141]

37 If David calls the messiah his **master**, how can the messiah possibly be David's descendant?"

The large crowd was very interested to hear everything that Yeshua had to say.

Yeshua warns about well-dressed teachers[142]

38 As Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued teaching, he said, "Watch out for those religious teachers who like to wear fancy robes and be greeted in the square, 39 and have the best seats at meetings and the best places at dinners. 40 Those people trick widows out of their properties, but offer long prayers to cover it up. They will be getting a stricter judgement than others."

A widow's sacrificial donation[143]

41 As he sat down in front of the temple treasury, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) watched the crowd as they threw coins into the dish, and some rich people were donating quite valuable silver coins. 42 Then an impoverished widow came and threw in two small copper coins. 43 Yeshua called his followers and told them, "Honestly, that hard-up widow gave more than all the others. 44 You see, most people donate from their excess wealth, but this woman even gave some of the small amount that she needed to live on."

Yeshua predicts the temple's total destruction[144]

13:1 As they were leaving the temple area, one of Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') followers noted, "Teacher, look at those large, chiselled stones and those beautiful buildings that they've been made into."

2 "Yes, incredible buildings," **Yeshua** responded, "but the time will come when they're torn down—not a single piece of stone will be left sitting in its place."

Yeshua talks about coming hardships[145]

3 Later when they were over on the Mt. of Olives overlooking the temple, Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) and Andreas were with Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) and asked 4 when all that destruction would happen, and what indications there would be that it would be about to happen.

5 But **Yeshua** told them, "Be careful so you all aren't misled by others. 6 Plenty of people will say that they're coming because they were sent by me, or that they *are* me, and they'll mislead many others. 7 Also, whenever you all hear about wars or about battles about to begin, don't be worried—those things will certainly happen, but there's more to follow. 8 Countries will take up arms against other countries, and kingdoms against other kingdoms. There'll be earthquakes in many places and there'll be famines, but those will be just like the beginning of birth pains.

9 "So be careful. You'll be turned over to local councils for questioning, will be whipped in the Jewish meeting halls, and will be stood in front of governors and kings because of following me. However, you'll be able to present your life stories to them[146] 10 and it's right that the good message first[147] be proclaimed to every people group.
11 But whenever they take you all along to hand you over, don't worry in advance about what you're going to say to defend yourselves, but wait until the hearing proceeds and speak what you are given then, because then it won't be you speaking, but God's **spirit**. 12 In those times, a brother will report on his brother to have him executed, and a father report on his child, and children will be encouraged to report on their own parents and then they'll be executed as a result. 13 Then every one will hate you all because they hate my name, but anyone who endures to the end will be saved.[148]

Yeshua warns about coming horror and deceptions[149]

14 "But whenever you all see the most horrible thing that drives people from God, standing where it shouldn't be[150] (and you readers should understand that), then anyone in Yehudah (Judea) should flee into the hills, 15 and anyone upstairs looking outside shouldn't come

138 **RV 12:33 · Cross-ref.** Hos 6:6.
139 **RV 12:28-34 · Cross-ref.** Luk 10:25-28.
140 **RV 12:35 · Parallel** Mat. 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44
141 **RV 12:36 · Cross-ref.** Psa 110:1.
142 **RV 12:38 · Parallel** Mat. 23:1-36; Luke 20:45-47
143 **RV 12:41 · Parallel** Luke 21:1-4
144 **RV 13:1 · Parallel** Mat. 24:1-2; Luke 21:5-6
145 **RV 13:3 · Parallel** Mat. 24:3-14; Luke 21:7-19
146 **RV 13:9-11 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:17-20; Luk 12:11-12.
147 **RV 13:10 · Note** TD: It's not clear here what was meant by 'first'—'first' before what?
148 **RV 13:13 · Cross-ref.** Mat 10:22.
149 **RV 13:14 · Parallel** Mat. 24:15-28; Luke 21:20-24
150 **RV 13:14 · Cross-ref.** Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11.

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down into the bedrooms to get anything,[151] 16 and anyone working outside shouldn't go back inside to get a change of clothes. 17 It will be extremely difficult for pregnant women and for mothers who are breast-feeding their children in those days. 18 Just pray that it won't happen in the winter, 19 because those days will be terrible like nothing that's ever happened before, all the way back to when **God** created the world, right until the present time, and won't ever happen again.[152] 20 If **Yahweh** hadn't shortened that time, no humans would even survive, but he shortened that time so that the chosen ones could be saved.

21 So don't believe it if you all hear someone say, 'Look, the **messiah** has arrived here.' or 'There's the **one** that God has sent.' 22 Plenty of fake messiahs and deceiving prophets will certainly come and even do things that humans can't normally do, so much so that even the chosen ones would defect if that were possible. 23 So watch out, but I've warned you in advance about all of that.

The universe collapses as the son arrives[153]

24 "After those very difficult times,
the sun will go dark[154] and the moon
won't shine at night.[155] 25 The stars
will fall down out of the sky[156] and the powers in the heavens will be shaken up.[157] 26 Then the people will see the son of humanity in the clouds coming with incredible power and brightness.[158] 27 He'll send the messengers out to collect all the chosen people from the four corners of the world—from everywhere between the earth and the sky.

Watch out for the change in season[159]

28 "So learn a lesson from fig
trees—whenever the branches green
up and start sprouting leaves, then everyone knows that summer is close. 29 So too whenever you see all those things happening, you know that the end of this current world is close. 30 I can assure you all that the generation of people who see those things won't die off before those latter things happen. 31 The sky and the planet might collapse, but my teachings will never become irrelevant.

Stay alert for the coming of the master[160]

32 "But as for the date or time
when all that will happen, only the
father knows that—even the son and
the messengers in heaven don't know.[161] 33 So watch out, observe current events, and be praying, because you won't know exactly when all this will happen. 34 It can all be compared to a man who was about to leave his home and go on a trip. Before he leaves, he gives certain jobs and responsibilities to his various slaves, and instructs his security guard to stay alert.[162] 35 So you all watch and stay alert, because you don't know when the master of the house might return—perhaps one evening or at midnight, or at dawn or maybe mid-morning. 36 You certainly don't want to be caught napping when he comes, 37 and what I'm telling all of you now, I tell everyone: stay alert and watch."

The leaders plan to eliminate Yeshua[163]

14:1 Now it was two days before the
Passover Feast and the *Flat Bread Celebration*,[164] and the chief priests and the religious teachers were trying to figure out how they could have Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) set up so they could arrest him and have him executed, 2 but they knew that the Feast wouldn't be a good time because the people would protest in Yeshua's favour.

The woman anoints Yeshua for his burial[165]

3 Meanwhile, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk.
Yesus) was in Beyt-Ania (Bethany) at
the home of Shim'on (Simon) who
had previously had leprosy. Yeshua was sitting there when a woman came in with a hand-crafted container of very expensive fragrant lotion. Breaking open the sealed flask, she poured the fragrant oil over Yeshua's head.[166] 4 Immediately some in the room started quietly grumbling about the extravagant waste, 5 then they scolded the woman because a flask of genuine lotion like that could easily fetch almost a year's wages if it was sold.

6 But **Yeshua** spoke up, "What do you think you're all doing abusing her—leave her alone! She's done something very good for me. 7 You'll always have poor people around,[167] and you can help them whenever you want to,

151 **RV 13:15-16 · Cross-ref.** Luk 17:31.
152 **RV 13:19 · Cross-ref.** Dan 12:1; Rev 7:14.
153 **RV 13:24 · Parallel** Mat. 24:29-31; Luke 21:25-28
154 **RV 13:24 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Yoel 2:10,31; 3:15; Rev 6:12.
155 **RV 13:24 · Cross-ref.** Isa 13:10; Eze 32:7.
156 **RV 13:25 · Cross-ref.** Isa 34:4; Rev 6:13.
157 **RV 13:25 · Cross-ref.** Yoel 2:10.
158 **RV 13:26 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13; Rev 1:7.
159 **RV 13:28 · Parallel** Mat. 24:32-35; Luke 21:29-33
160 **RV 13:32 · Parallel** Mat. 24:36-44
161 **RV 13:32 · Cross-ref.** Mat 24:36.
162 **RV 13:34 · Cross-ref.** Luk 12:36-38.
163 **RV 14:1 · Parallel** Yhn 11:45-53; Mat. 26:1-5; Luke 22:1-2
164 **RV 14:1 · Cross-ref.** Exo 12:1-27.
165 **RV 14:3 · Parallel** Yhn 12:1-8; Mat. 26:6-13
166 **RV 14:3 · Cross-ref.** Luk 7:37-38.
167 **RV 14:7 · Cross-ref.** Deu 15:11.

but I won't be around forever. 8 She has performed the traditional anointing of my body in advance of my burial,
9 and I can assure you all, that wherever the good message is proclaimed around the world, what she has done today will be part of the story and she'll be remembered for it."

Yehudah offers to hand Yeshua over[168]

10 Then Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) Iskariot, one of Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') twelve apprentices, visited the chief priests to offer to hand Yeshua over to them. 11 When they heard that, they were very pleased and promised to pay him well, and Yehudah asked them about the most convenient way for them to get hold of Yeshua.

Yeshua's apprentices prepare the Passover meal[169]

12 On the first day of the *Flat Bread Celebration* when the lambs would be slaughtered ready for the special Passover meal, Yeshua's (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') apprentices asked him, "Where do you want us to get everything ready for our Passover meal?"

13 So Yeshua sent off two of them with these instructions, "Go into town and a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you there. Just follow him 14 until he goes into a house. Then find the owner of the house and tell him that the teacher wants to know the location of the guestroom where he and his apprentices can celebrate their Passover meal. 15 He'll show you a large, furnished room upstairs—that's where you can get everything ready."

16 So the two of them went off into the town, and everything happened there exactly as Yeshua had told them, and so they prepared the special meal there.

Yeshua shocks his apprentices at the Passover meal[170]

17 As the evening approached, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) went in for dinner with his twelve apprentices. 18 As they were sitting around eating, he told them, "I'll tell you frankly that one of you eating with me here will hand me over to be arrested."[171] 19 That upset them, and several of them individually asked, "Surely it couldn't be me?"

20 Then he continued, "It's one of you twelve—the one who dips his bread in the sauce at the same time as me. 21 Indeed it's written in the scriptures that the son of humanity will be arrested, but on the other hand, what a tragedy it'll be for the one who hands him over—in fact it would be better for that man if he was never born."

22 As they carried on eating, he took some bread, blessed God, broke it apart and gave a piece to them, saying, "Take this bread—it's my body."

23 Then he picked up a cup, gave thanks to God, and passed it around so they could each drink from it, 24 saying, "That is the blood of my contract[172] that will be poured out for many people.[173] 25 I can assure you all that I won't drink anything made from grapes until I drink new juice in **God's** kingdom."

26 Then after they'd sung some songs, they left the town and went across to the Mt. of Olives.

Yeshua predicts Peters denials[174]

27 Then **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) continued his teaching, "All of you will stumble because it's written in the scriptures: 'I'll strike down the shepherd and the sheep will get scattered.'[175] 28 But after I come back to life, I'll go on ahead of you all back to Galil."[176]

29 But Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) contradicted him, "Even if everyone else stumbles, I won't!"

30 "I can assure you," **Yeshua** responded, "that you'll renounce me three times this very night, before the rooster crows early tomorrow morning."

31 But Kefa argued forcibly, "Even if I had to die with you, I would never disown you!"

And all the others said similar things.

Yeshua, in distress, prays at Gethsaimanai[177]

32 They walked along until they came to a piece of land called Gethsaimanai where Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) told his apprentices to sit down while he prayed. 33 He took Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) and Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yohan (John; Grk. Yoannes) further in with him where he stared off in a daze but was obviously very distressed. 34 He told the three of them, "My soul is deathly sad! You guys just stay here and keep alert."

35 He went ahead a little way, where he knelt on the ground with his head down and prayed—asking if it was possible to avoid what was ahead of him. 36 But he said, "Father, I know that you can do anything. Let me avoid this suffering, but yes I do know, it doesn't matter what I want but rather what you've planned."

37 Then he went back and found the others sleeping. "Shim'on (Simon), are you asleep?" he asked Kefa. "Couldn't you stay awake even for a single hour? 38 You all need to stay alert and be careful not to give into temptation. I know your spirits are enthusiastic on one hand, but it's still easy to give in to the moment."

39 Then he went further in again and prayed as before,
40 but when he returned again, he found them all asleep because they were tired, but they couldn't really find any

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168 RV 14:10 · Parallel Mat. 26:14-16; Luke 22:3-6

169 RV 14:12 · Parallel Yhn 13:21-30; Mat. 26:17-25; Luke 22:7-14, 21-23

170 RV 14:17 · Parallel Yhn 13:21-30; Mat. 26:20-30; Luke 22:14-23; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

171 RV 14:18 · Cross-ref. Psa 41:9.

172 RV 14:24 · Cross-ref. Exo 24:8.

173 RV 14:24 · Cross-ref. Jer 31:31-34.

174 RV 14:27 · Parallel Yhn 13:36-38; Mat. 26:31-35; Luke 22:31-34

175 RV 14:27 · Cross-ref. Zech 13:7.

176 RV 14:28 · Cross-ref. Mat 28:16.

177 RV 14:32 · Parallel Mat. 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46

excuse to give.

41 The third time that Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) returned, he said to them, "Ah, you're all sleeping again and having a good rest. It's well-earned but look, the time has come for the son of humanity to be handed over to evil men. 42 Come on—get up—we need to go! Look, the one who'll hand me over is almost here."

Yeshua is arrested in the night[178]

43 Even while Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) was still speaking, Yehudah (Judas; Grk. Yudas) (one of his twelve apprentices) reached him, followed by a crowd that included some of the chief priests, the religious teachers, and the Jewish elders—many armed with swords and clubs. 44 Yehudah had prearranged a signal with them that the one he greeted with a kiss, they should grab that person and lead him away under guard.

45 So he walked right up to Yeshua and said, "My honoured teacher," and greeted him with a kiss. 46 Then the others with him grabbed Yeshua and secured him. 47 But one of the ones with Yeshua that was beside him, drew his sword and struck one of the chief priest's slaves—cutting off the man's ear. 48 **Yeshua** spoke to the crowd, "Did you all bring swords and clubs to try to capture me like you'd chase down a thief? 49 I was teaching there in the temple every day[179] and you could have arrested me, but it's happened this way to ensure that what's written in scriptures will be fulfilled."

50 Meanwhile, the others who'd been with Yeshua had taken off. 51 One young fellow was wearing a single linen robe, and when the crowd tried to grab him, 52 it came off in the struggle and he ran away stark naked.

The mock trial where Yeshua is sentenced to death[180]

53 The guards led **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) away to the chief priest's residence, and all the chief priests and the elders and the religious teachers gathered there also. 54 Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) followed along from a distance and went in as far as the courtyard of that residence, where he joined the servants who were sitting around the fire keeping warm. 55 Inside, the chief priests and all the council were trying to establish a case against **Yeshua** so he could be sentenced to death, but they weren't coming up with anything. 56 Several people were making up charges against him, but none of the accusers' stories agreed with each other.

57 Eventually some of them stood up and offered this false charge: 58 "We heard him say that he would demolish this temple made by many labourers, and within three days he'd build another one without any helpers."[181] 59 But even then, they couldn't get their accusations to align with each other.

60 Nevertheless, the chief priest in the middle of the council stood up and asked **Yeshua**, "Aren't you going to defend yourself? These men are accusing you of those things."

61 But Yeshua didn't say anything, so the chief priest asked again, "Is it true that you're the **chosen** one that God promised to send—the son of the blessed God?"

62 "I am." **Yeshua** replied, "and you'll all see the son of humanity sitting in the honoured position by the powerful God and coming through the clouds in the sky."[182]

63 Then the chief priest tore his own robe to show his disgust and shouted, "We certainly don't need any more witnesses now! 64 You yourselves all heard him insult God. What sentence does that deserve?"

So the leaders there agreed that Yeshua needed to be sentenced to death.[183]

65 Then various people started spitting on him, and blindfolding him and beating him saying, "Ha, tell us who that was!" Even the servants joined in to slap him.

Kefa disowns Yeshua[184]

66 Meanwhile, Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) was down in the courtyard when one of the chief priest's servant girls came outside, 67 and seeing Kefa warming himself, she looked more closely and said, "Hey, you were with that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) from Nazaret (Nazareth)!"

68 But he denied it, "I don't know him and I don't know why you think I would!" Then he moved away from the fire.

69 But the girl that had seen him said to some of the others standing around, "That guy's one of them."

70 But again Kefa denied it.

A little while later, some of those standing there said the same thing to him, "You must be one of them because you're from Galil."

71 Now Kefa started swearing and cursing and said, "I've never even met that fellow that you're all talking about!"

72 Right then the rooster crowed for the second time and Kefa remembered now what **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had told him—how he would renounce Yeshua three times before the rooster crowed—and he broke down and cried.

Pilatos tries to interrogate Yeshua[185]

15:1 First thing in the morning, the chief priests called a meeting with the elders and the religious teachers and all the council, and they ordered that **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) be tied up and taken over to Governor Pilatos (Pilate). 2 There Pilatos asked him, "Are you the king of the

178 **RV 14:43 · Parallel** Yhn 18:3-12; Mat. 26:47-56; Luke 22:47-53

179 **RV 14:49 · Cross-ref.** Luk 19:47; 21:37.

180 **RV 14:53 · Parallel** Yhn 18:13-14,19-24; Mat. 26:57-68; Luke 22:54-55,63-71

181 **RV 14:58 · Cross-ref.** Yhn 2:19.

182 **RV 14:62 · Cross-ref.** Dan 7:13.

183 **RV 14:64 · Cross-ref.** Lev 24:16.

184 **RV 14:66 · Parallel** Yhn 18:15-18,25-27; Mat. 26:69-75; Luke 22:56-62

185 **RV 15:1 · Parallel** Yhn 18:28-38; Mat. 27:1-2,11-14; Luke 23:1-5

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Yehudim (Jews)?"
"You said it," replied Yeshua.
3 Then the chief priests started hurling accusations
against Yeshua, 4 so Pilatos asked him again, "Don't you
have anything to say? Listen to all those accusations
they're making against you."
5 But Pilatos was astounded that **Yeshua** didn't answer
any further.

Pilatos agrees to execute an innocent man[186]

6 Now at time of the Jewish
Passover, at their request, Pilatos
(Pilate) would normally pardon one
prisoner for them. 7 There was another prisoner at that
time named Bar-Aba (Grk. Barabbas), who was an activist
arrested for murder. 8 By now the crowd had arrived, and
asked Pilatos to release a prisoner as usual at Passover, 9 so
he asked them, "Do you all want me to release the King of
the Yehudim (Jews) for you?" 10 (That was because Pilatos
was well aware that the chief priests had brought Yeshua
(Jesus; Grk. Yesus) because they were jealous of his popu-
larity.) 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to start
saying that it was Bar-Aba that they wanted released, 12 so
Pilatos asked again, "Then what should I do with this man
that you call the King of the Yehudim?"
13 The crowd yelled back, "Execute him on a post."
14 "What has he even done wrong?" Pilatos demanded.
But they just yelled louder, "Execute him on a post!"
15 Now Pilatos wanted to placate the crowd, so he had
Bar-Aba released while he had **Yeshua** flogged and then
handed over to the execution squad.

The battalion plays with their mock 'king'[187]

16 So the soldiers led Yeshua (Jesus;
Grk. Yesus) inside the palace that
was the governor's residence, and
called in the rest of the battalion. 17 They mocked Yeshua
by dressing him in a kingly robe, and after someone
twisted some thorns together into a mock crown, they
pressed it onto his head, 18 and began saluting him,
"Greetings, king of the Yehudim (Jews)." 19 They took turns
whacking his head with a stick and spitting on him, while
others knelt down in front of him and pretended to be
bowing to him. 20 After they'd finished having fun mock-
ing him, they took the purple robe off him, and put his
own robe back on him. Then they led him outside towards
the execution area.

Yeshua is publicly executed beside thieves[188]

21 As they walked out of the city,
they came across a man coming in
from the country. He was Shim'on
(Simon) from Kurainai (Cyrene) (Kurainai—the father of
Alexandros (Alexander) and Rufos),[189] and the soldiers
forced him to carry the execution post, 22 and so they all
arrived at Golgotha (which means 'Place of the skull').
23 There the soldiers went to give some spiced wine to
Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus), but he declined it. 24 So they
carried out the execution, taking Yeshua's clothes and
drawing straws to see who would get what.[190] 25 By now it
was around 9am, and they affixed Yeshua to the post.
26 The charge had been written out and attached at the
top: "The king of the Yehudim (Jews)." 27 That morning,
two thieves were also executed there—one on each side of
Yeshua.
28 ◘ 29 As people passed by on that path, they insulted
Yeshua, shaking their heads[191] and shouting, "Hoy there!
You who reckoned you could demolish the temple and re-
build it in three days,[192] 30 come down from that post and
save yourself."
31 Similarly the chief priests and the religious teachers
laughed together and mocked, "He did miracles for others,
but he can't even save himself. 32 Now if that so-called
'**chosen** one' or 'king of Yisrael' (Israel) would just come
down from there, *then* we'd be able to believe him."
Even the other two being executed with him were derid-
ing him.

Yeshua breathes his last[193]

33 At noon, it got dark everywhere,
until around 3pm, 34 when **Yeshua**
(Jesus; Grk. Yesus) shouted loudly, "My **god**, my **god**, why
have you abandoned me?"[194]
35 Some of the people standing nearby thought he was
calling the prophet Eliyah (Elijah). 36 One of them ran, and
soaked a sponge in some sour wine, then put it on a stick
and held it up for Yeshua to drink,[195] saying, "Hang on.
Let's see if Eliyah does come to get him down."
37 But just then, **Yeshua** uttered a loud cry and exhaled
his last breath.
38 (Back in the temple, the curtain tore down the middle
from the top to the bottom.)[196] 39 When Yeshua died, the
Romaios commander who had been standing back watch-
ing everything said, "That man was definitely **God's** son."
40 Further back, there was also a group of women observ-
ing everything. They included Miryam (Grk.

186 RV 15:6 · Parallel Yhn 18:39–19:16; Mat. 27:15-26; Luke 23:13-25
187 RV 15:16 · Parallel Yhn 19:2-3; Mat. 27:27-31
188 RV 15:21 · Parallel Yhn 19:17-27; Mat. 27:32-44; Luke 23:26-43
189 RV 15:21 · Cross-ref. Rom 16:13.
190 RV 15:24 · Cross-ref. Psa 22:18.
191 RV 15:29 · Cross-ref. Psa 22:7; 109:25.
192 RV 15:29 · Cross-ref. Yhn 2:19; Mrk 14:58.
193 RV 15:33 · Parallel Yhn 19:28-30; Mat. 27:45-56; Luke 23:44-49
194 RV 15:34 · Cross-ref. Psa 22:1.
195 RV 15:36 · Cross-ref. Psa 69:21.
196 RV 15:38 · Cross-ref. Exo 26:31-33.

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Maria/Mariam) from Magdala, Miryam the mother of young Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos) and Yoseh, and Salome,[197] **41** and others who had followed Yeshua around Galil and helped look after him, along with many others who had come down to Yerushalem (Jerusalem) with him.

Yosef boldly lays the body in a burial chamber[198]

42 As evening came, it was now the Preparation Day, i.e., the day before the Rest Day. **43** Yosef (Joseph) (who'd come from Arimathaia city and one who was waiting for the coming of **God's** kingdom), a prominent council member, steeled himself up and went in to see the governor to get permission to transfer **Yeshua's** (Jesus'; Grk. Yesus') body. **44** Governor Pilatos (Pilate) didn't think he'd be dead yet, so he called an army commander to find out if Yeshua had indeed died. **45** As soon as he found out, he gave Yosef permission, **46** so Yosef and his companions went and bought some linen burial cloth and then, removing Yeshua's body from the post, wrapped it in the cloth and placed it in a burial chamber that had been chiselled into a rockface. Then they rolled a rock across the opening. **47** Others were watching and noted where the body had been laid, including Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala and Miryam who was Yoseh' mother.

The massive shock at the burial chamber[199]

16:1 After the Rest Day was over, Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala, Miryam the mother of Ya'akov (James; Grk. Yakobos), and Salome, all went and bought some traditional burial spices that evening to take to the burial chamber and place with the body. **2** Then very early on Sunday morning they went to the chamber, arriving just as the sun was rising. **3** Then they realised that they didn't have anyone with them to roll the rock away that was covering the entrance. **4** However when they looked, they saw that the very large rock had already been rolled away, **5** so they went on into the burial chamber and were totally stunned to find a young man dressed in white, sitting in there at the side.

6 He assured them, "Don't be surprised. I know you're looking for **Yeshua** (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) from Nazaret (Nazareth), the one who was executed on a post. But see there where his body was—he's not there, because he came back to life. **7** So you three should go and tell his apprentices, and Kefa (Peter; Grk. Petros) in particular, that he's going to go up ahead of you all to Galil and you'll see him up there, just as he already told you all."[200]

8 So they left the chamber and took off running, still stunned and shaking, and too scared to stop and talk to anyone.

The others don't believe that Miryam saw Yeshua[201]

9 After coming back to life early on Sunday morning, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) appeared first to Miryam (Grk. Maria/Mariam) from Magdala. (She was the one that he had once commanded seven demons to leave.) **10** After leaving him, she went and told his followers who were mourning and weeping at his loss. **11** But when she told them that he is alive again and that she'd seen him, they simply didn't believe her.

Yeshua appears to two of his followers[202]

12 Later on, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) appeared in a different form to two of his followers on the path as they left Yerushalem (Jerusalem) and headed out to the countryside, **13** but when they hurried back and told the others, no one believed them.

Yeshua appears to his apprentices and instructs them[203]

14 Later again when the eleven apprentices were sitting around eating, Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) appeared in the room and scolded them for not believing and for being so stubborn when they hadn't believed others who had told them that he'd come back from the dead. **15** Then he instructed them, "Travel around all the world and tell everyone the good message.[204] **16** Anyone who believes and gets immersed in water will be saved, however, those who refuse to believe will be condemned to death. **17** Those who believe will be able to do miracles: they'll be able to use my authority to command demons to leave and to speak new languages, **18** and they'll be able to pick up snakes. If they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them, and they will place their hands on people and make them better."

Yeshua is lifted up to heaven[205]

19 When Yeshua (Jesus; Grk. Yesus) had finished speaking, he was lifted up into heaven[206] and seated in the honoured place next to God. **20** Then his followers went around preaching everywhere, and God worked through them and so they were able to confirm the truth of their preaching by doing mira-

197 RV 15:40-41 · Cross-ref. Luk 8:2-3.

198 RV 15:42 · Parallel Yhn 19:38-42; Mat. 27:57-61; Luke 23:50-56

199 RV 16:1 · Parallel Yhn 20:1-10; Mat. 28:1-8; Luke 24:1-12

200 RV 16:7 · Cross-ref. Mat 26:32; Mrk 14:28.

201 RV 16:9 · Parallel Yhn 20:11-18; Mat. 28:9-10

202 RV 16:12 · Parallel Luke 24:13-35

203 RV 16:14 · Parallel Yhn 20:19-23; Mat. 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-49; Acts 1:6-8

204 RV 16:15 · Cross-ref. Acts 1:8.

205 RV 16:19 · Parallel Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11

206 RV 16:19 · Cross-ref. Acts 1:9-11.

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