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Dedication

1 To his Excellency,  
Theophilus.

Many attempts have been made to draw up an account of those events which have reached their conclusion among us,  
2 just as they were reported to us by those who from the beginning afterwards became bearers of the message.  
3 And therefore, I also, since I have investigated all these events with great care from their very beginning, have resolved to write a connected history of them for you, in order that you may be able to satisfy yourself of the accuracy of the story which you have heard from the lips of others.  
Birth, Parentage, Infancy and Boyhood

5 In the reign of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the division Abijah. His wife, whose name was Elizabeth, was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup> They were both righteous people, who lived blameless lives, guiding their steps by the Lord's commandments and ordinances of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, Elizabeth being barren; and both of them were advanced in years.

8 One day, when Zechariah was officiating as priest before God, during the turn of his division, <sup>9</sup> it fell to him by lot, in accordance with the practice among the priests, to go into the Temple of the Lord and burn incense; <sup>10</sup> and as the Hour of Incense was being burned, the people were all praying outside. <sup>11</sup> And an angel of

Lord|strong="G2962" appeared|strong="G3708" to|strong="G1161"  
 him|strong="G3588", standing|strong="G2476" on|strong="G1537"  
 the|strong="G1537" right|strong="G1188" of|strong="G1537"  
 the|strong="G1537" Altar|strong="G2379" of|strong="G1537"  
 Incense|strong="G2368". <sup>12</sup> Zechariah|strong="G2197"  
 was|strong="G2532" startled|strong="H2729" at|strong="G1909"  
 the|strong="G2532" sight|strong="H5869" and|strong="G2532"  
 was|strong="G2532" awe-struck. <sup>13</sup> But|strong="G1161"  
 the|strong="G2532" angel|strong="H4397" said|strong="G3004"  
 to|strong="G4314" him|strong="G3588", 'Do|strong="G2532"  
 not|strong="G3361" be|strong="G2532" afraid|strong="G5399",  
 Zechariah|strong="G2197"; your|strong="G2532" prayer|strong="G1162"  
 has|strong="G2532" been|strong="G2532" heard|strong="G1522",  
 and|strong="G2532" your|strong="G2532" wife|strong="G1135"  
 Elizabeth|strong="G1665" will|strong="G2532" bear|strong="G1080"  
 you|strong="G4771" a|strong="G2532" son|strong="G5207",  
 whom|strong="G3588" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532"  
 call|strong="G2564" by|strong="G4314" the|strong="G2532"  
 name|strong="G3686" John|strong="G2491". <sup>14</sup> He|strong="G2532"  
 will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" to|strong="G2532"  
 you|strong="G4771" a|strong="G2532" joy|strong="G5479"  
 and|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" delight|strong="H2654";  
 and|strong="G2532" many|strong="G4183" will|strong="G1510"  
 rejoice|strong="G5463" over|strong="G1909" his|strong="G1909"  
 birth|strong="G1078". <sup>15</sup> For|strong="G1063" he|strong="G2532"  
 will|strong="G1510" be|strong="G1510" great|strong="G3173"  
 in|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" sight|strong="G1799"  
 of|strong="G1537" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962";  
 he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510" not|strong="G3756"  
 drink|strong="G4095" any|strong="G3361" wine|strong="G3631"  
 or|strong="G2532" strong|strong="G3173" drink|strong="G4095",  
 and|strong="G2532" he|strong="G2532" will|strong="G1510"  
 be|strong="G1510" filled|strong="G4130" with|strong="G1537"  
 the|strong="G2532" Holy|strong="G4151" Spirit|strong="G4151"  
 from|strong="G1537" the|strong="G2532" very|strong="G2532"  
 hour|strong="H8160" of|strong="G1537" his|strong="G2532"  
 birth|strong="G2836", <sup>16</sup> and|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2316"  
 reconcile|strong="H3722" many|strong="G4183" of|strong="G5207"  
 the|strong="G2532" Israelites|strong="H3478" to|strong="G2532"  
 the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962" their|strong="G2532"  
 God|strong="G2316". <sup>17</sup> He|strong="G2532" will|strong="G2532"  
 go|strong="G4281" before|strong="G1799" him|strong="G2532"  
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" spirit|strong="G4151"  
 and|strong="G2532" with|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"  
 power|strong="G1411" of|strong="G4151" Elijah|strong="G2243",  
 to|strong="G2532" reconcile|strong="H3722" fathers|strong="G3962"

to|strong = "G2532" their|strong = "G2532" children|strong = "G5043"  
 and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" disobedient|strong = "H4784"  
 to|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" wisdom|strong = "G5428"  
 of|strong = "G4151" the|strong = "G1722" righteous|strong = "G1342",  
 and|strong = "G2532" so|strong = "G2532" make|strong = "G2090"  
 ready|strong = "G2090" for|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G1722"  
 Lord|strong = "G2962" a|strong = "G2532" people|strong = "G2992"  
 prepared|strong = "G2090" for|strong = "G1909" him|strong = "G2532".'

18'How|strong = "G5101" can|strong = "G3004" I|strong = "G1473"  
 be|strong = "G1510" sure|strong = "G1097" of|strong = "G2250"  
 this|strong = "G3778"? ' Zechariah|strong = "G2197" asked|strong = "G3004"  
 the|strong = "G1722" angel|strong = "H4397". 'For|strong = "G1063"  
 I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1510" an|strong = "G2532"  
 old|strong = "G2532" man|strong = "G3778" and|strong = "G2532"  
 my|strong = "G1722" wife|strong = "G1135" is|strong = "G1510"  
 advanced|strong = "G4260" in|strong = "G1722" years|strong = "G2250".'

19'I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1510" Gabriel|strong = "G1043", '  
 the|strong = "G2532" angel|strong = "H4397" answered|strong = "G3004",  
 'who|strong = "G3588" stand|strong = "G3936" in|strong = "G2532"  
 the|strong = "G2532" presence|strong = "G1799" of|strong = "G2316"  
 God|strong = "G2316", and|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G1473"  
 have|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G1510" sent|strong = "G2316"  
 to|strong = "G4314" speak|strong = "G2980" to|strong = "G4314"  
 you|strong = "G4771" and|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G4314"  
 bring|strong = "G2097" you|strong = "G4771" this|strong = "G3778"  
 good|strong = "G2097" news|strong = "G2097". <sup>20</sup> And|strong = "G2532"  
 now|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G3739" will|strong = "G1510"  
 be|strong = "G1096" silent|strong = "G4623" and|strong = "G2532"  
 unable|strong = "G3756" to|strong = "G1519" speak|strong = "G2980"  
 until|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" day|strong = "G2250"  
 when|strong = "G2532" this|strong = "G3778" takes|strong = "G1096"  
 place|strong = "G1096", because|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G3739"  
 did|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3756" believe|strong = "G4100"  
 what|strong = "G3739" I|strong = "G1473" said|strong = "G2980",  
 though|strong = "G2532" my|strong = "G3708" words|strong = "G3056"  
 will|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1096" fulfilled|strong = "G4137"  
 in|strong = "G1519" due|strong = "H2706" course|strong = "H4256".'

21Meanwhile|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G1722"  
 people|strong = "G2992" were|strong = "G1510" watching|strong = "G4328"  
 for|strong = "G1722" Zechariah|strong = "G2197",  
 wondering|strong = "G2296" at|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G1722"  
 remaining|strong = "H8300" so|strong = "G2532" long|strong = "G5549"

in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" Temple|strong="G3485". <sup>22</sup>  
 When|strong="G1161" he|strong="G2532" came|strong="G1831"  
 out|strong="G1831", he|strong="G2532" was|strong="G1510"  
 unable|strong="G3756" to|strong="G2532" speak|strong="G2980"  
 to|strong="G2532" them|strong="G3588", and|strong="G2532"  
 they|strong="G2532" perceived|strong="G1921" that|strong="G3754"  
 he|strong="G2532" had|strong="G2532" seen|strong="G3708"  
 a|strong="G2532" vision|strong="G3701" there|strong="G2532".  
 But|strong="G1161" Zechariah|strong="H2148" kept|strong="G2532"  
 making|strong="G2532" signs|strong="G1269" to|strong="G2532"  
 them|strong="G3588", and|strong="G2532" remained|strong="G1265"  
 dumb|strong="G2974". <sup>23</sup> And|strong="G2532", as|strong="G5613"  
 soon|strong="G5613" as|strong="G5613" his|strong="G1519" term  
 of|strong="G2250" service|strong="G3009" was|strong="G1096"  
 finished|strong="G1096", he|strong="G2532" returned|strong="G1096"  
 home|strong="G3624". <sup>24</sup> After|strong="G3326" this|strong="G3778"  
 his|strong="G1438" wife|strong="G1135", Elizabeth|strong="G1665",  
 became|strong="G4815" pregnant|strong="G4815" and|strong="G2532"  
 lived|strong="G2532" in|strong="G2532" seclusion|strong="G4032"  
 for|strong="G1161" five|strong="G4002" months|strong="G3376". <sup>25</sup>  
 ‘The|strong="G1722" Lord|strong="G2962" has|strong="G2962"  
 done|strong="G4160" this|strong="G3779" for|strong="G3754"  
 me|strong="G1473”, she|strong="G3754" said|strong="G3754”,  
 ‘he|strong="G3739" has|strong="G2962" shown|strong="G4160"  
 me|strong="G1473" kindness|strong="H2617" and|strong="G2250"  
 taken|strong="H3947" away|strong="H5493" the|strong="G1722"  
 public|strong="H1121" disgrace|strong="G3681" of|strong="G2250"  
 childlessness under|strong="G1722" which|strong="G3739"  
 I|strong="G1473" have|strong="G1473" been|strong="G2962"  
 living|strong="H2416”.’

26Six|strong="H8337" months|strong="G3376" later|strong="H0310"  
 the|strong="G1722" angel|strong="H4397" Gabriel|strong="G1043"  
 was|strong="G3588" sent|strong="G2316" from|strong="G3588"  
 God|strong="G2316" to|strong="G1519" a|strong="G1519"  
 town|strong="G4172" in|strong="G1722" Galilee|strong="G1056"  
 called|strong="G3686" Nazareth|strong="G3478", <sup>27</sup> to|strong="G4314"  
 a|strong="G2532" maiden|strong="H5291" there|strong="G2532"  
 who|strong="G3739" was|strong="G3588" engaged|strong="G3423"  
 to|strong="G4314" a|strong="G2532" man|strong="G3739"  
 named|strong="G3686" Joseph|strong="G2501", a|strong="G2532"  
 descendant|strong="H2233" of|strong="G1537" David|strong="G1138".  
 Her|strong="G3137" name|strong="G3686" was|strong="G3588"  
 Mary|strong="G3137". <sup>28</sup> Gabriel|strong="H1403" came|strong="G1525"  
 into|strong="G1525" her|strong="G1438" presence|strong="H6440"

and|strong = "G2532" greeted|strong = "G3004" her|strong = "G1438", saying|strong = "G3004", 'You|strong = "G4771" have|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G2532" shown|strong = "H7200" great|strong = "G2532" favour|strong = "H2580" – the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962" is|strong = "G3588" with|strong = "G3326" you|strong = "G4771".'

29Mary was|strong = "G1510" much|strong = "H7227" disturbed|strong = "H1993" at|strong = "G1909" his|strong = "G1909" words|strong = "G3056", and|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G1510" wondering|strong = "G1260" to|strong = "G2532" herself|strong = "H5315" what|strong = "G3588" such|strong = "G3778" a|strong = "G2532" greeting could|strong = "G3588" mean|strong = "G1510", <sup>30</sup> when|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" angel|strong = "H4397" spoke|strong = "G3004" again|strong = "G2532", 'Do|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3361" be|strong = "G2532" afraid|strong = "G5399", Mary|strong = "G3137", for|strong = "G1063" you|strong = "G3004" have|strong = "G2532" found|strong = "G2147" favour|strong = "G5485" with|strong = "G3844" God|strong = "G2316". <sup>31</sup> And|strong = "G2532" now|strong = "G2532", you|strong = "G1722" will|strong = "G2532" conceive|strong = "G4815" and|strong = "G2532" give|strong = "G5088" birth|strong = "G5088" to|strong = "G2532" a|strong = "G2532" son|strong = "G5207", and|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G1722" will|strong = "G2532" give|strong = "G5088" him|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G1722" name|strong = "G3686" Jesus|strong = "G2424". <sup>32</sup> The|strong = "G2532" child|strong = "G5207" will|strong = "G2316" be|strong = "G1510" great|strong = "G3173" and|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G2316" be|strong = "G1510" called|strong = "G2564" "Son|strong = "G5207" of|strong = "G5207" the|strong = "G2532" Most|strong = "G5310" High|strong = "G5310", and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962" God|strong = "G2316" will|strong = "G2316" give|strong = "G1325" him|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G2532" throne|strong = "G2362" of|strong = "G5207" his|strong = "G2532" ancestor|strong = "G3962" David|strong = "G1138", <sup>33</sup> and|strong = "G2532" he|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G1510" reign|strong = "G2532" over|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G2532" descendants|strong = "G3624" of|strong = "G2532" Jacob|strong = "G2384" for|strong = "G1519" ever|strong = "G3756"; And|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G1519" his|strong = "G1519" kingdom|strong = "H4467" there|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1510" no|strong = "G3756" end|strong = "G5056".'

34'How|strong = "G4459" can|strong = "G3004" this|strong = "G3778" be|strong = "G1510"? Mary|strong = "G3137" asked|strong = "G3004" the|strong = "G1161" angel|strong = "H4397". 'For|strong = "G4314" I|strong = "G1161" have|strong = "G1510" no|strong = "G3756"

husband|strong = "H0376".'

35'The|strong = "G2532" Holy|strong = "G4151" Spirit|strong = "G4151" will|strong = "G2316" descend|strong = "H3381" on|strong = "G1909" you|strong = "G4771", answered|strong = "G3004" the|strong = "G2532" angel|strong = "H4397", 'and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Power|strong = "G1411" of|strong = "G5207" the|strong = "G2532" Most|strong = "G5310" High|strong = "G5310" will|strong = "G2316" overshadow|strong = "G1982" you|strong = "G4771"; and|strong = "G2532" therefore|strong = "G1352" the|strong = "G2532" child|strong = "G5207" will|strong = "G2316" be|strong = "G2532" called|strong = "G2564" "holy|strong = "G4151", and|strong = "G2532" "Son|strong = "G5207" of|strong = "G5207" God|strong = "G2316".<sup>36</sup> And|strong = "G2532" Elizabeth|strong = "G1665", your|strong = "G2532" cousin|strong = "G4773", is|strong = "G1510" herself|strong = "H5315" also|strong = "G2532" expecting a|strong = "G2532" son|strong = "G5207" in|strong = "G1722" her|strong = "G3708" old|strong = "G2532" age|strong = "G1094"; and|strong = "G2532" it|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510" now|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" sixth|strong = "G1623" month|strong = "G3376" with|strong = "G1722" her|strong = "G3708", though|strong = "G2532" she|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510" called|strong = "G2564" barren|strong = "G4723";<sup>37</sup> for|strong = "G3754" no|strong = "G3756" promise|strong = "H1697" from|strong = "G3844" God|strong = "G2316" will|strong = "G2316" fail|strong = "G3756" to|strong = "G3756" be|strong = "G3756" fulfilled|strong = "H4390".'

38'I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1473" the|strong = "G2532" servant|strong = "G1399" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962", exclaimed|strong = "G3004" Mary|strong = "G3137".  
'Let|strong = "G1096" it|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G1096" with|strong = "G2532" me|strong = "G1473" as|strong = "G1161" you|strong = "G4771" have|strong = "G2532" said|strong = "G3004";'  
Then|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" angel|strong = "H4397" left|strong = "H7604" her|strong = "G3708".

39Soon|strong = "G1722" after|strong = "G3326" this|strong = "G3778" Mary|strong = "G3137" set|strong = "H7760" out|strong = "G1519", and|strong = "G1161" made|strong = "G1161" her|strong = "G1519" way|strong = "G4198" quickly|strong = "G1722" into|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1722" hill-country, to|strong = "G1519" a|strong = "G1519" town|strong = "G4172" in|strong = "G1722" Judah|strong = "G2455";<sup>40</sup> and|strong = "G2532" there|strong = "G2532" she|strong = "G2532" went|strong = "G1525" into|strong = "G1519" Zechariah's|strong = "G2197" house|strong = "G3624" and|strong = "G2532" greeted|strong = "H7592" Elizabeth|strong = "G1665".<sup>41</sup> When|strong = "G5613"

Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child moved within her, and Elizabeth herself was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried aloud, 'Blessed among women is your unborn child!' But how have I this honour, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For as your greeting reached my ears, the child moved with delight! Happy she who believed that the promise which she received from the Lord would be fulfilled.'

46 And Mary said:

' My soul exalts the Lord,

47 and my spirit delights in God my Saviour,

48 for he has looked on his humble servant girl.

From now on all generations will

call|strong = "G3106" me|strong = "G1473" blessed|strong = "G3106"!

49'For|strong = "G3754" the|strong = "G2532" Almighty|strong = "H7706"  
has|strong = "G3748" done|strong = "G4160" great|strong = "G3173"  
things|strong = "G3588" for|strong = "G3754" me|strong = "G1473",

a nd|strong = "G2532" holy|strong = "H6944" is|strong = "G3588"  
his|strong = "G4160" name|strong = "G3686".

50He|strong = "G2532" has|strong = "G2532" mercy|strong = "G1656"  
on|strong = "G1519" those|strong = "G3588" who|strong = "G3588"  
revere|strong = "H3372" him|strong = "G3588"

i n|strong = "G1519" every|strong = "G2532" generation|strong = "G1074".

51'Mighty|strong = "G2904" are|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"  
deeds|strong = "G4160" of|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G1722"  
arm|strong = "G1023"!

H e|strong = "G4160" has|strong = "H3068" scattered|strong = "G1287"  
the|strong = "G1722" self-satisfied proud|strong = "G5244",

52he|strong = "G2532" has|strong = "G2532" cast|strong = "G2532"  
down|strong = "G2507" the|strong = "G2532" mighty|strong = "G1413"  
from|strong = "G2532" their|strong = "G2532" thrones|strong = "G2362",

a nd|strong = "G2532" he|strong = "G2532" uplifts the|strong = "G2532"  
humble|strong = "G5011",

53he|strong = "G2532" has|strong = "G2532" filled|strong = "G1705"  
the|strong = "G2532" hungry|strong = "G3983" with|strong = "G2532"  
good|strong = "G2532" things|strong = "G2756",

a nd|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" rich|strong = "G4147"  
he|strong = "G2532" has|strong = "G2532" sent|strong = "G1821"  
away|strong = "G1821" empty|strong = "G2756".

54'He|strong = "G2474" has|strong = "H3068" stretched|strong = "H5186"  
out|strong = "H3318" his|strong = "G3403" hand|strong = "H3027"  
to|strong = "G1656" his|strong = "G3403" servant|strong = "G3816"  
Israel|strong = "G2474",

e ver|strong="H5769" mindful|strong="G3403" of|strong="G3816"  
his|strong="G3403" mercy|strong="G1656",

55as|strong="G2531" he|strong="G2532" promised|strong="H1696"  
to|strong="G1519" our|strong="G2532" ancestors|strong="G3962",

t o|strong="G1519" Abraham|strong="H0085" and|strong="G2532"  
his|strong="G1519" descendants|strong="G4690" for|strong="G1519"  
ever|strong="G1519".<sup>56</sup> Mary|strong="G3137" stayed|strong="G3306"  
with|strong="G4862" Elizabeth about|strong="G5613"  
three|strong="G5140" months|strong="G3376", and|strong="G2532"  
then|strong="G2532" returned|strong="G5290" to|strong="G1519"  
her|strong="G1519" home|strong="G3624".<sup>57</sup> When|strong="G1161"  
Elizabeth's time|strong="G5550" came|strong="G2532",  
she|strong="G2532" gave|strong="G5088" birth|strong="G5088"  
to|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" son|strong="G5207";<sup>58</sup>  
and|strong="G2532" her|strong="G3754" neighbours|strong="G4040"  
and|strong="G2532" relatives|strong="G4773", hearing|strong="H0241"  
of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" great|strong="G3170"  
goodness|strong="H2898" of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532"  
Lord|strong="G2962" to|strong="G2532" her|strong="G3754",  
came|strong="G2532" to|strong="G2532" share|strong="G4796"  
her|strong="G3754" joy|strong="G4796".<sup>59</sup> A|strong="G1096"  
week|strong="H7620" later|strong="H0310" they|strong="G2532"  
met|strong="H6298" to|strong="G2532" circumcise|strong="G4059"  
the|strong="G1722" child|strong="G3813", and|strong="G2532"  
were|strong="G3588" about|strong="G1909" to|strong="G2532"  
call|strong="G2564" him|strong="G3588" Zechariah|strong="G2197"  
after|strong="G1909" his|strong="G1909" father|strong="G3962",<sup>60</sup>  
when|strong="G2532" his|strong="G2532" mother|strong="G3384"  
spoke|strong="G3004" up|strong="G2532", 'No|strong="G3780",  
he|strong="G2532" is|strong="G3588" to|strong="G2532"  
be|strong="G2532" called|strong="G2564" John|strong="G2491".'

61'You|strong="G4771" have|strong="G2532" no|strong="G3762"  
relation of|strong="G1537" that|strong="G3754" name|strong="G3686"!'  
they|strong="G2532" exclaimed|strong="G3004";<sup>62</sup> and|strong="G1161"  
they|strong="G1161" made|strong="G1161" signs|strong="G1770"  
to|strong="G2309" the|strong="G1161" child's|strong="H3206"  
father|strong="G3962", to|strong="G2309" find|strong="H4672"  
out|strong="H3318" what|strong="G5101" he|strong="G1161"  
wished|strong="G2309" the|strong="G1161" child|strong="H3206"  
to|strong="G2309" be|strong="G3588" called|strong="G2564".<sup>63</sup>  
Asking|strong="G3004" for|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532"  
writing|strong="G1125" tablet|strong="G4093", he|strong="G2532"

wrote|strong="G1125" the|strong="G2532" words|strong="G2532" –  
 “His|strong="G3956" name|strong="G3686" is|strong="G1510”  
 John|strong="G2491”.” Everyone|strong="G3956" was|strong="G1510”  
 surprised|strong="G2296”<sup>64</sup> and|strong="G2532”  
 immediately|strong="G3916” Zechariah|strong="H2148”  
 recovered|strong="H7725” his|strong="G2532” voice|strong="G4750”  
 and|strong="G2532” the|strong="G2532” use|strong="G3588”  
 of|strong="G2316” his|strong="G2532” tongue|strong="G1100”,  
 and|strong="G2532” began|strong="G1161” to|strong="G2532”  
 bless|strong="G2127” God|strong="G2316”.<sup>65</sup> All|strong="G3956”  
 their|strong="G1438” neighbours|strong="H7934” were|strong="G3588”  
 awe-struck at|strong="G1722” this|strong="G3778”, and|strong="G2532”  
 throughout|strong="G1722” the|strong="G1722” hill-country  
 of|strong="G2532” Judea|strong="G2449” the|strong="G1722”  
 whole|strong="G3650” story|strong="H4605” was|strong="G1096”  
 much|strong="H7227” talked|strong="G1255” about|strong="G1909”.<sup>66</sup>  
 All|strong="G3956” who|strong="G5101” heard|strong="H8085”  
 it|strong="G2532” kept|strong="G5087” it|strong="G2532”  
 in|strong="G1722” mind|strong="G2588”, asking|strong="G3004”  
 one|strong="G3956” another|strong="G3588” – ‘What|strong="G5101”  
 can|strong="G3004” this|strong="G3778” child|strong="G3813”  
 be|strong="G1510” destined|strong="G5087” to|strong="G2532”  
 become|strong="G1510”?’ For|strong="G1063” the|strong="G1722”  
 Power|strong="G5495” of|strong="G2532” the|strong="G1722”  
 Lord|strong="G2962” was|strong="G1510” with|strong="G3326”  
 him|strong="G3588”.

67Then|strong="G2532” his|strong="G2532” father|strong="G3962”  
 Zechariah|strong="G2197” was|strong="G3588” filled|strong="G4130”  
 with|strong="G2532” the|strong="G2532” Holy|strong="G4151”  
 Spirit|strong="G4151”, and|strong="G2532”, speaking|strong="G3004”  
 under|strong="H8478” inspiration|strong="H3820”, said|strong="G3004”:

68‘Blessed|strong="G2128” is|strong="G3588” the|strong="G2532”  
 Lord|strong="G2962”, the|strong="G2532” God|strong="G2316”  
 of|strong="G2316” Israel|strong="G2474”,

w ho|strong="G3588” has|strong="G2316” visited|strong="G1980”  
 his|strong="G4160” people|strong="G2992” and|strong="G2532”  
 wrought|strong="G4160” their|strong="G2532”  
 deliverance|strong="H8668”,

69and|strong="G2532” has|strong="G2532” raised|strong="G1453”  
 up|strong="G1453” for|strong="G1722” us|strong="G2249”

the|strong = "G1722" strength|strong = "H5797" of|strong = "G2532"  
our|strong = "G2532" salvation|strong = "G4991"

i n|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" house|strong = "G3624"  
of|strong = "G2532" his|strong = "G1722" servant|strong = "G3816"  
David|strong = "G1138" –

70as|strong = "G2531" he|strong = "G3588" promised|strong = "H1696"  
by|strong = "G1223" the|strong = "G1223" lips|strong = "G4750"  
of|strong = "G1223" his|strong = "G1223" holy|strong = "H6944"  
prophets|strong = "G4396" of|strong = "G1223" old|strong = "H1121" –

71salvation|strong = "G4991" from|strong = "G1537" our|strong = "G2532"  
enemies|strong = "G2190" and|strong = "G2532" from|strong = "G1537"  
the|strong = "G2532" hands|strong = "G5495" of|strong = "G1537"  
all|strong = "G3956" who|strong = "G3588" hate|strong = "G3404"  
us|strong = "G2249",

72showing|strong = "H6213" mercy|strong = "G1656" to|strong = "G2532"  
our|strong = "G2532" ancestors|strong = "G3962",

a nd|strong = "G2532" mindful|strong = "G3403" of|strong = "G2532"  
his|strong = "G4160" sacred|strong = "H6944" covenant|strong = "G1242".

73This|strong = "G3588" was|strong = "G3588" the|strong = "G4314"  
oath|strong = "G3727" which|strong = "G3739" he|strong = "G3739"  
swore|strong = "G3660" to|strong = "G4314" our|strong = "G4314"  
ancestor|strong = "G3962" Abraham|strong = "H0085" –

74that|strong = "G1537" we|strong = "H0587" should|strong = "H3068"  
be|strong = "G2190" rescued|strong = "G4506" from|strong = "G1537"  
the|strong = "G1537" hands|strong = "G5495" of|strong = "G1537"  
our|strong = "G1537" enemies|strong = "G2190",

75and|strong = "G2532" should|strong = "G3588" serve|strong = "H5647"  
him|strong = "G3588" without|strong = "G2532" fear|strong = "H3372"  
in|strong = "G1722" holiness|strong = "G3742" and|strong = "G2532"  
righteousness|strong = "G1343",

i n|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G3956" presence|strong = "G1799"  
all|strong = "G3956" our|strong = "G2532" days|strong = "G2250".

76And|strong="G2532" you|strong="G4771", child|strong="G3813",  
will|strong="G2532" be|strong="G2532" called|strong="G2564"  
prophet|strong="G4396" of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532"  
Most|strong="G5310" High|strong="G5310",

f or|strong="G1063" you|strong="G4771" will|strong="G2532"  
go|strong="G4313" before|strong="G1799" the|strong="G2532"  
Lord|strong="G2962" to|strong="G2532" make|strong="G2090"  
ready|strong="G2090" his|strong="G2532" way|strong="G3598",

77to|strong="G1722" give|strong="G1325" his|strong="G1722"  
people|strong="G2992" the|strong="G1722" knowledge|strong="G1108"  
of|strong="G1722" salvation|strong="G4991"

t hrough|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"  
forgiveness|strong="H5547" of|strong="G1722" their|strong="G1722"  
sins|strong="H2403",

78through|strong="G1223" the|strong="G1722" tender|strong="G4698"  
mercy|strong="G1656" of|strong="G1537" our|strong="G2316"  
God|strong="G2316",

w hereby|strong="G3739" the|strong="G1722" dawn|strong="H7837"  
will|strong="G2316" break|strong="H7665" on|strong="G1722"  
us|strong="G2249" from|strong="G1537" heaven|strong="H8064",

79to|strong="G1519" give|strong="G1473" light|strong="G2014"  
to|strong="G1519" those|strong="G3588" who|strong="G3588"  
live|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722" darkness|strong="G4655"  
and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" shadow|strong="G4639"  
of|strong="G2532" death|strong="G2288",

a nd|strong="G2532" guide|strong="G2720" our|strong="G2532"  
feet|strong="G4228" into|strong="G1519" the|strong="G1722"  
way|strong="G3598" of|strong="G2532" peace|strong="G1515".<sup>80</sup>  
The|strong="G1722" child|strong="G3813" grew|strong="H1431"  
and|strong="G2532" became|strong="G3588" strong|strong="G2901"  
in|strong="G1722" spirit|strong="G4151", and|strong="G2532"  
he|strong="G2532" lived|strong="G1510" in|strong="G1722"  
the|strong="G1722" wilds until|strong="G2193" the|strong="G1722"  
time|strong="G2250" came|strong="G2532" for|strong="G4314"  
his|strong="G1722" appearance|strong="H4758" before|strong="G4314"  
Israel|strong="G2474".

2 About that time an edict was issued by the Emperor Augustus that a census should be taken of the whole Empire. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census taken while Quirinius was Governor of Syria). <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to his own town to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Among others Joseph went up from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem, the town of David, in Judea – because he belonged to the family and house of David – <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his engaged wife, who was about to become a mother. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, her time came, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her first child, a son. And because there was no room for them in the inn round him, she swathed him in a manger. <sup>8</sup> In that same countryside were shepherds out in the open fields, watching their flocks

that|strong="G3588" night|strong="G3571", <sup>9</sup> when|strong="G2532"  
 an|strong="G2532" angel|strong="H4397" of|strong="G2532"  
 the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962" suddenly|strong="G2962"  
 stood|strong="G2186" by|strong="G2532" them|strong="G1438",  
 and|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" glory|strong="G1391"  
 of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G2532" Lord|strong="G2962"  
 shone|strong="G4034" around|strong="G4034" them|strong="G1438";  
 and|strong="G2532" they|strong="G2532" were|strong="G2532"  
 seized|strong="H8610" with|strong="G2532" fear|strong="G5401". <sup>10</sup>  
 'Have|strong="G2532" no|strong="G3361" fear|strong="G5399",  
 the|strong="G2532" angel|strong="H4397" said|strong="G3004".  
 'For|strong="G1063" I|strong="G2532" bring|strong="G2097"  
 you|strong="G5210" good|strong="G2097" news|strong="G2097"  
 of|strong="G2532" a|strong="G2532" great|strong="G3173"  
 joy|strong="G5479" in|strong="G2532" store|strong="H4543"  
 for|strong="G1063" all|strong="G3956" the|strong="G2532"  
 nation|strong="H1471". <sup>11</sup> This|strong="G3739" day|strong="G4594"  
 there|strong="G3754" has|strong="G2962" been|strong="G1510"  
 born|strong="G5088" to|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210",  
 in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" town|strong="G4172"  
 of|strong="G2962" David|strong="G1138", a|strong="G1722"  
 Saviour|strong="G4990", who|strong="G3739" is|strong="G1510"  
 Christ|strong="G5547" and|strong="G2962" Lord|strong="G2962". <sup>12</sup>  
 And|strong="G2532" this|strong="G3778" will|strong="G2532"  
 be|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" sign|strong="G4592"  
 for|strong="G1722" you|strong="G5210". You|strong="G5210"  
 will|strong="G2532" find|strong="G2147" the|strong="G1722"  
 infant|strong="H3243" swathed, and|strong="G2532"  
 lying|strong="G2749" in|strong="G1722" a|strong="G2532"  
 manger|strong="G5336".'

<sup>13</sup>Then|strong="G2532" suddenly|strong="G1810"  
 there|strong="G2532" appeared|strong="G1096" with|strong="G4862"  
 the|strong="G2532" angel|strong="H4397" a|strong="G1096"  
 multitude|strong="G4128" of|strong="G2316" the|strong="G2532"  
 heavenly|strong="G3770" Host|strong="G4756", praising|strong="H1984"  
 God|strong="G2316", and|strong="G2532" singing|strong="H7440" –

<sup>14</sup>'glory|strong="G1391" to|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316"  
 on|strong="G1909" high|strong="G5310",

a nd|strong="G2532" on|strong="G1909" earth|strong="G1093"  
 peace|strong="G1515" among|strong="G1722" those|strong="G1722"  
 in|strong="G1722" whom|strong="H0834" he|strong="G2532"  
 finds|strong="H4672" pleasure|strong="G2107".' <sup>15</sup>

Now|strong = "G2532", when|strong = "G5613" the|strong = "G2532" angels|strong = "H4397" had|strong = "G2532" left|strong = "H7604" them|strong = "G3588" and|strong = "G2532" gone|strong = "G1330" back|strong = "G1519" to|strong = "G1519" heaven|strong = "G3772", the|strong = "G2532" shepherds|strong = "G4166" said|strong = "G2980" to|strong = "G1519" one|strong = "G3739" another|strong = "G3739",  
 'Let|strong = "G1096" us|strong = "G1519" go|strong = "G1330" at|strong = "G1519" once|strong = "G3739" to|strong = "G1519" Bethlehem|strong = "H1035", and|strong = "G2532" see|strong = "G3708" this|strong = "G3778" thing|strong = "G3778" that|strong = "G3739" has|strong = "G2962" happened|strong = "G1096", of|strong = "G2532" which|strong = "G3739" the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962" has|strong = "G2962" told|strong = "G2980" us|strong = "G1519".<sup>16</sup>  
 So|strong = "G2532" they|strong = "G2532" went|strong = "G2064" quickly|strong = "G4692", and|strong = "G2532" found|strong = "G2532" Mary|strong = "G3137" and|strong = "G2532" Joseph|strong = "G2501", and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" infant|strong = "H3243" lying|strong = "G2749" in|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G2532" manger|strong = "G5336";<sup>17</sup> and|strong = "G1161", when|strong = "G1161" they|strong = "G1161" saw|strong = "G3708" it|strong = "G1161", they|strong = "G1161" told|strong = "G2980" of|strong = "G4012" all|strong = "G1161" that|strong = "G3588" had|strong = "G3588" been|strong = "H1961" said|strong = "G2980" to|strong = "G2980" them|strong = "G3588" about|strong = "G4012" this|strong = "G3778" child|strong = "G3813".<sup>18</sup> All|strong = "G3956" who|strong = "G3588" heard|strong = "H8085" the|strong = "G2532" shepherds|strong = "G4166" were|strong = "G3588" astonished|strong = "G2296" at|strong = "G4314" their|strong = "G1438" story|strong = "H4605",<sup>19</sup> while|strong = "G1722" Mary|strong = "G3137" treasured|strong = "G4933" in|strong = "G1722" her|strong = "G3956" heart|strong = "G2588" all|strong = "G3956" that|strong = "G3588" they|strong = "G1161" said|strong = "G1161", and|strong = "G1161" thought|strong = "H0559" about|strong = "G1722" it|strong = "G1161" often|strong = "H1767".<sup>20</sup> And|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" shepherds|strong = "G4166" went|strong = "G2532" back|strong = "G5290", giving|strong = "H5414" glory|strong = "G1392" and|strong = "G2532" praise|strong = "G1392" to|strong = "G4314" God|strong = "G2316" for|strong = "G1909" all|strong = "G3956" that|strong = "G3739" they|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532" heard|strong = "H8085" and|strong = "G2532" seen|strong = "G3708".  
 It|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G3956" happened|strong = "G3588" as|strong = "G2531" they|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G2532" told|strong = "G2980".

21Eight|strong = "G3638" days|strong = "G2250" after|strong = "G3753" the|strong = "G1722" birth|strong = "G2836" of|strong = "G5259"

the|strong = "G1722" child|strong = "G1722", when|strong = "G3753" it|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G3588" time|strong = "G2250" to|strong = "G2532" circumcise|strong = "G4059" him|strong = "G3588", he|strong = "G2532" received|strong = "H3947" the|strong = "G1722" name|strong = "G3686" Jesus|strong = "G2424" – the|strong = "G1722" name|strong = "G3686" given|strong = "G2564" him|strong = "G3588" by|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" angel|strong = "H4397" before|strong = "G4253" his|strong = "G1722" conception|strong = "H2032".

22When|strong = "G3753" the|strong = "G2532" period|strong = "G2532" of|strong = "G2250" purification|strong = "G2512" of|strong = "G2250" mother|strong = "H0517" and|strong = "G2532" child|strong = "H3206", required|strong = "H7592" by|strong = "G2596" the|strong = "G2532" Law|strong = "G3551" of|strong = "G2250" Moses|strong = "G3475", came|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G1519" an|strong = "G2532" end|strong = "G1519", his|strong = "G1519" parents|strong = "H0001" took|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" child|strong = "H3206" up|strong = "G1519" to|strong = "G1519" Jerusalem|strong = "G2414" to|strong = "G1519" present|strong = "G3936" him|strong = "G3588" to|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962", <sup>23</sup> in|strong = "G1722" compliance with|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551" of|strong = "G2962" the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962" that|strong = "G3754" every|strong = "G3956" firstborn|strong = "G3388" male|strong = "H2145" will|strong = "G2962" be|strong = "G3956" dedicated|strong = "H6942" to|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962", <sup>24</sup> and|strong = "G2532" also|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" offer|strong = "G1325" the|strong = "G1722" sacrifice|strong = "G2378" required|strong = "H7592" by|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962" – a|strong = "G2532" pair|strong = "G2201" of|strong = "G2532" turtle-doves or|strong = "G2228" two|strong = "G1417" young|strong = "G3502" pigeons|strong = "G4058".

25There|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G1510" at|strong = "G1722" that|strong = "G3739" time|strong = "G1909" in|strong = "G1722" Jerusalem|strong = "G2419" a|strong = "G2532" man|strong = "G3778" named|strong = "G3686" Simeon|strong = "G4826", a|strong = "G2532" righteous|strong = "G1342" and|strong = "G2532" devout|strong = "G2126" man|strong = "G3778", who|strong = "G3739" lived|strong = "G1510" in|strong = "G1722" constant|strong = "H2956" expectation|strong = "H8615" of|strong = "G4151" Israel's|strong = "H3478" consolation, and|strong = "G2532" under|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" guidance|strong = "H8458" of|strong = "G4151" the|strong = "G1722" Holy|strong = "G4151" Spirit|strong = "G4151". <sup>26</sup> It|strong = "G2532"

had|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G1510" revealed|strong = "G5537"  
 to|strong = "G2532" him|strong = "G3588" by|strong = "G5259"  
 the|strong = "G2532" Holy|strong = "G4151" Spirit|strong = "G4151"  
 that|strong = "G3588" he|strong = "G2532" should|strong = "G3588"  
 not|strong = "G3361" die|strong = "G2288" until|strong = "G2532"  
 he|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532" seen|strong = "G3708"  
 the|strong = "G2532" Lord's|strong = "G2962" Christ|strong = "G5547". <sup>27</sup>  
 Moved|strong = "H4131" by|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"  
 Spirit|strong = "G4151", Simeon|strong = "H8095" came|strong = "G2064"  
 into|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1722" Temple|strong = "G2411"  
 Courts|strong = "H2691", and|strong = "G2532", when|strong = "G2532"  
 the|strong = "G1722" parents|strong = "G1118" brought|strong = "G1521"  
 in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" child|strong = "G3813"  
 Jesus|strong = "G2424", to|strong = "G1519" do|strong = "G4160"  
 for|strong = "G1519" him|strong = "G3588" what|strong = "G3588"  
 was|strong = "G3588" customary|strong = "H3117" under|strong = "G1722"  
 the|strong = "G1722" Law|strong = "G3551", <sup>28</sup> Simeon|strong = "H8095"  
 himself|strong = "G1519" took|strong = "G1209" the|strong = "G2532"  
 child|strong = "H3206" in|strong = "G1519" his|strong = "G1519"  
 arms|strong = "H2220", and|strong = "G2532" blessed|strong = "G2127"  
 God|strong = "G2316", and|strong = "G2532" said|strong = "G3004":

29'Now|strong = "G3568", Lord|strong = "G1203", you|strong = "G4771"  
 will|strong = "G1401" let|strong = "H7971" your|strong = "G1722"  
 servant|strong = "G1401" go|strong = "H1980",

a ccording|strong = "G2596" to|strong = "G2596" your|strong = "G1722"  
 word|strong = "G4487", in|strong = "G1722" peace|strong = "G1515",

30for|strong = "G3754" my|strong = "G3708" eyes|strong = "G3788"  
 have|strong = "G1473" seen|strong = "G3708" the|strong = "G3588"  
 salvation|strong = "G4992"

31which|strong = "G3739" you|strong = "G3739" have|strong = "G3956"  
 prepared|strong = "G2090" in|strong = "G2596" the|strong = "G3956"  
 sight|strong = "G4383" of|strong = "G2596" all|strong = "G3956"  
 nations|strong = "H1471" –

32a|strong = "G2532" light|strong = "G5457" to|strong = "G1519"  
 bring|strong = "G2532" light|strong = "G5457" to|strong = "G1519"  
 the|strong = "G2532" Gentiles|strong = "G1484",

and to be the glory of your people Israel.’

33 While the child’s father and mother were wondering at what about him, <sup>34</sup> Simeon gave blessing to Mary the child’s mother, ‘This child is appointed to be the cause of fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign much spoken against – <sup>35</sup> Yes, the sword will pierce your own heart – and so in many minds will be disclosed.’

36 There was also a prophet named Hannah, a daughter of Phanuel and of the tribe of Asher. She was far advanced in years, having lived with her husband for seven years after marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then a widow, until she had reached the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple Courts,

but|strong = "G2532", fasting|strong = "G3521" and|strong = "G2532" praying|strong = "H6419", worshiped|strong = "H7812" God|strong = "G2532" night|strong = "G3571" and|strong = "G2532" day|strong = "G2250". <sup>38</sup> At|strong = "G4012" that|strong = "G3588" moment|strong = "G5610" she|strong = "G2532" came|strong = "G2532" up|strong = "G2532", and|strong = "G2532" began|strong = "H2490" publicly|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "G2532" thank|strong = "H3034" God|strong = "G2316" and|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" speak|strong = "G2980" about|strong = "G4012" the|strong = "G2532" child|strong = "H3206" to|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G3956" who|strong = "G3588" were|strong = "G3588" looking|strong = "G4327" for|strong = "G4012" the|strong = "G2532" deliverance|strong = "H8668" of|strong = "G4012" Jerusalem|strong = "G2419".

<sup>39</sup>When|strong = "G5613" the|strong = "G2532" child's|strong = "H3206" parents|strong = "H0001" had|strong = "G2532" done|strong = "H6213" everything|strong = "G3956" required|strong = "H7592" by|strong = "G2596" the|strong = "G2532" Law|strong = "G3551" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Lord|strong = "G2962", they|strong = "G2532" returned|strong = "G1994" to|strong = "G1519" Galilee|strong = "G1056" to|strong = "G1519" their|strong = "G1438" own|strong = "G1438" town|strong = "G4172" of|strong = "G2532" Nazareth|strong = "G3478". <sup>40</sup> The|strong = "G2532" child|strong = "G3813" grew|strong = "H1431" and|strong = "G2532" became|strong = "G3588" strong|strong = "G2901" and|strong = "G2532" wise|strong = "H2450", and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" blessing|strong = "G5485" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316" was|strong = "G1510" on|strong = "G1909" him|strong = "G3588".

<sup>41</sup>Every|strong = "G2596" year|strong = "G2094" the|strong = "G2532" child's|strong = "H3206" parents|strong = "G1118" used|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "G1519" go|strong = "G4198" to|strong = "G1519" Jerusalem|strong = "G2419" at|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" Passover|strong = "G3957" Festival|strong = "G1859". <sup>42</sup> When|strong = "G3753" Jesus|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G1096" twelve|strong = "G1427" years|strong = "G2094" old|strong = "G2094", they|strong = "G2532" went|strong = "G2532" according|strong = "G2596" to|strong = "G2532" custom|strong = "G1485" to|strong = "G2532" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389", <sup>43</sup> and|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2424" finished|strong = "G5048" their|strong = "G1438" visit|strong = "H6485"; but|strong = "G2532", when|strong = "G2532" they|strong = "G2532" started|strong = "G5290" to|strong = "G2532" return|strong = "G5290", the|strong = "G1722" boy|strong = "G3816" Jesus|strong = "G2424" remained|strong = "G5278" behind|strong = "G5278" in|strong = "G1722" Jerusalem|strong = "G2419", without|strong = "G2532"

their|strong = "G1438" knowing|strong = "G1097" it|strong = "G2532". <sup>44</sup>  
 Thinking|strong = "H0559" that|strong = "G3588" he|strong = "G2532"  
 was|strong = "G1510" with|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G2532"  
 fellow|strong = "H7453" travellers|strong = "H1980", they|strong = "G2532"  
 went|strong = "G2064" one|strong = "G3588" day's|strong = "G2250"  
 journey|strong = "G3598" before|strong = "G1722"  
 searching|strong = "H2664" for|strong = "G1161" him|strong = "G3588"  
 among|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G2532" relatives|strong = "G4773"  
 and|strong = "G2532" acquaintances|strong = "G1110"; <sup>45</sup>  
 and|strong = "G2532" then|strong = "G2532", as|strong = "G1519"  
 they|strong = "G2532" did|strong = "G2532" not|strong = "G3361"  
 find|strong = "G2147" him|strong = "G2532", they|strong = "G2532"  
 returned|strong = "G5290" to|strong = "G1519" Jerusalem|strong = "G2419",  
 searching|strong = "H2664" everywhere|strong = "H3605"  
 for|strong = "G1519" him|strong = "G2532". <sup>46</sup> It|strong = "G2532"  
 was|strong = "G1096" not|strong = "G2532" until|strong = "G2532"  
 the|strong = "G1722" third|strong = "H7992" day|strong = "G2250"  
 that|strong = "G3588" they|strong = "G2532" found|strong = "G2147"  
 him|strong = "G3588" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"  
 Temple|strong = "G2411" Courts|strong = "H2691", sitting|strong = "G2516"  
 among|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" teachers|strong = "G1320",  
 now|strong = "G2532" listening|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "G2532"  
 them|strong = "G3588", now|strong = "G2532" asking|strong = "G1905"  
 them|strong = "G3588" questions|strong = "G1905". <sup>47</sup> All|strong = "G3956"  
 who|strong = "G3588" listened|strong = "H8085" to|strong = "G2532"  
 him|strong = "G3588" marvelled|strong = "H8539" at|strong = "G1909"  
 his|strong = "G3956" intelligence|strong = "H7919" and|strong = "G2532"  
 his|strong = "G3956" answers|strong = "H6030".

48His|strong = "G4160" parents|strong = "G3962" were|strong = "G3588"  
 amazed|strong = "G1605" when|strong = "G2532" they|strong = "G2532"  
 saw|strong = "G3708" him|strong = "G3588", and|strong = "G2532"  
 his|strong = "G4160" mother|strong = "G3384" said|strong = "G3004"  
 to|strong = "G4314" him|strong = "G3588", 'My|strong = "G3708"  
 child|strong = "G5043", why|strong = "G5101" have|strong = "G2532"  
 you|strong = "G4771" treated|strong = "G4160" us|strong = "G3004"  
 like|strong = "G3779" this|strong = "G3588"? Your|strong = "G2532"  
 father|strong = "G3962" and|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G1473"  
 have|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G2532" searching|strong = "G2212"  
 for|strong = "G4314" you|strong = "G4771" in|strong = "G2532"  
 great|strong = "G2532" distress|strong = "H6869".'

49'w What|strong = "G5101" w\* w made|strong = "G3756" w\* w  
 you|strong = "G3754" w\* w search|strong = "G2212" w\* w  
 for|strong = "G3754" w\* w me|strong = "G1473" w\*?' he|strong = "G2532"

answered|strong="G3004". 'w Didn't|strong="G3756" w\* w  
 you|strong="G3754" w\* w know|strong="G1492" w\* w  
 that|strong="G3754" w\* w I|strong="G1473" w\* w  
 must|strong="G1163" w\* w be|strong="G1510" w\* w in|strong="G1722" w\* w  
 w my|strong="G1722" w\* w Father's|strong="G3962" w\* w  
 house|strong="H1004" w\*?' <sup>50</sup> His|strong="G2532"  
 parents|strong="H0001" did|strong="G2532" not|strong="G3756"  
 understand|strong="G4920" what|strong="G3739" he|strong="G2532"  
 meant|strong="H2803". <sup>51</sup> However|strong="H0389" he|strong="G2532"  
 went|strong="G2064" down|strong="G2597" with|strong="G3326"  
 them|strong="G3588" to|strong="G1519" Nazareth|strong="G3478",  
 and|strong="G2532" submitted|strong="H5414" himself|strong="G2588"  
 to|strong="G1519" their|strong="G2532" control|strong="G5293";  
 and|strong="G2532" his|strong="G3956" mother|strong="G3384"  
 treasured|strong="G1301" all|strong="G3956" that|strong="G3588"  
 was|strong="G1510" said|strong="G2532" in|strong="G1722"  
 her|strong="G1519" heart|strong="G2588". <sup>52</sup> And|strong="G2532"  
 Jesus|strong="G2424" grew|strong="H1431" in|strong="G1722"  
 wisdom|strong="G4678" as|strong="G1722" he|strong="G2532"  
 grew|strong="H1431" in|strong="G1722" years|strong="H8141",  
 and|strong="G2532" gained|strong="H1214" the|strong="G1722"  
 blessing|strong="G5485" of|strong="G2316" God|strong="G2316"  
 and|strong="G2532" people|strong="G3588".

#### The Preparation

3In|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722" fifteenth|strong="G4003"  
 year|strong="G2094" of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722"  
 reign|strong="G2231" of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722" Emperor  
 Tiberius|strong="G5086", when|strong="G1161" Pontius|strong="G4194"  
 Pilate|strong="G4091" was|strong="G3588" governor|strong="G2230"  
 of|strong="G2532" Judea|strong="G2449", Herod|strong="G2264"  
 ruler|strong="H4910" of|strong="G2532" Galilee|strong="G1056",  
 his|strong="G1722" brother|strong="H0251" Philip|strong="G5376"  
 ruler|strong="H4910" of|strong="G2532" the|strong="G1722"  
 territory|strong="H1366" comprising Ituraea|strong="G2484"  
 and|strong="G2532" Trachonitis|strong="G5139", and|strong="G2532"  
 Lysanias|strong="G3078" ruler|strong="H4910" of|strong="G2532"  
 Abilene, <sup>2</sup> and|strong="G2532" when|strong="G2532" Annas  
 and|strong="G2532" Caiaphas|strong="G2533" were|strong="G3588"  
 high|strong="G2532" priests|strong="H3548", a|strong="G1096"  
 command|strong="G4487" from|strong="G2532" God|strong="G2316"  
 came|strong="G1096" to|strong="G2532" John|strong="G2491",  
 the|strong="G1722" son|strong="G5207" of|strong="G5207"  
 Zechariah|strong="G2197", while|strong="G1722" he|strong="G2532"  
 was|strong="G1096" in|strong="G1722" the|strong="G1722"

wilderness|strong = "G2048". <sup>3</sup> And|strong = "G2532" John|strong = "G2532" went|strong = "G2064" through|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "G2532" whole|strong = "G3956" district|strong = "G4066" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" Jordan|strong = "G2446", proclaiming|strong = "G2784" a|strong = "G2532" baptism of|strong = "G2532" repentance|strong = "G3341", for|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" forgiveness|strong = "H5547" of|strong = "G2532" sins|strong = "H2403". <sup>4</sup> This|strong = "G3588" was|strong = "G3588" in|strong = "G1722" fulfilment of|strong = "G3056" what|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G3588" said|strong = "G3056" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" writings of|strong = "G3056" the|strong = "G1722" prophet|strong = "G4396" Isaiah|strong = "G2268" –

“ The|strong = "G1722" voice|strong = "G5456" of|strong = "G3056" one|strong = "G3588" crying|strong = "H1058" aloud|strong = "H7442" in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" wilderness|strong = "G2048":

‘ Make|strong = "G4160" ready|strong = "G2090" the|strong = "G1722" way|strong = "G3598" of|strong = "G3056" the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962",

make|strong = "G4160" his|strong = "G1722" paths|strong = "G5147" straight|strong = "G2117".

5Every|strong = "G3956" chasm|strong = "H6354" will|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1510" filled|strong = "G4137",

every|strong = "G3956" mountain|strong = "G3735" and|strong = "G2532" hill|strong = "G3735" will|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1510" levelled.

The|strong = "G2532" winding|strong = "H3883" ways|strong = "G3598" will|strong = "G1510" be|strong = "G1510" straightened|strong = "H8626",

the|strong = "G2532" rough|strong = "G5138" roads|strong = "G3598" made|strong = "G4137" smooth|strong = "G3006",

6and|strong = "G2532" everyone|strong = "G3956" will|strong = "G2316" see|strong = "G3708" the|strong = "G2532" salvation|strong = "G4992" of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316".” <sup>7</sup> And|strong = "G3767" John|strong = "G3004" said|strong = "G3004" to|strong = "G3004" the|strong = "G3588" crowds|strong = "G3793" that|strong = "G3588" went|strong = "G1607" to|strong = "G3004" be|strong = "G3195" baptized by|strong = "G5259" him|strong = "G3588", ‘You|strong = "G5210”

children|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "G5259" snakes|strong = "H5175"! Who|strong = "G5101" has|strong = "G5101" prompted|strong = "H7971" you|strong = "G5210" to|strong = "G3004" seek|strong = "G5101" refuge|strong = "H4733" from|strong = "G5259" the|strong = "G3588" coming|strong = "G3195" judgment|strong = "H4941"? <sup>8</sup>

Let|strong = "G1063" your|strong = "G2192" lives|strong = "H5315", then|strong = "G3767", prove|strong = "H5254" your|strong = "G2192" repentance|strong = "G3341"; and|strong = "G2532" do|strong = "G4160" not|strong = "G3361" begin|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "G2532" say|strong = "G3004" among|strong = "G1722" yourselves|strong = "G1438" "Abraham|strong = "H0085" is|strong = "G3588" our|strong = "G2316" ancestor|strong = "G3962", for|strong = "G1063" I|strong = "G2532" tell|strong = "G3004" you|strong = "G5210" that|strong = "G3754" out|strong = "G1537" of|strong = "G1537" these|strong = "G3778" stones|strong = "G3037" God|strong = "G2316" is|strong = "G3588" able|strong = "G1410" to|strong = "G2532" raise|strong = "G1453" descendants|strong = "G2590" for|strong = "G1063" Abraham|strong = "H0085"! <sup>9</sup> Already|strong = "G2235", indeed|strong = "G2532", the|strong = "G2532" axe|strong = "H1631" is|strong = "G3588" lying|strong = "G2749" at|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" root|strong = "G4491" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" trees|strong = "G1186". Therefore|strong = "G3767" every|strong = "G3956" tree|strong = "G1186" that|strong = "G3588" fails|strong = "H3615" to|strong = "G1519" bear|strong = "G4160" good|strong = "G2570" fruit|strong = "G2590" will|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532" cut|strong = "G1581" down|strong = "G1581" and|strong = "G2532" thrown|strong = "H7993" into|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G2532" fire|strong = "G4442".'

<sup>10</sup>What|strong = "G5101" are|strong = "G3588" we|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" do|strong = "G4160" then|strong = "G3767"? the|strong = "G2532" people|strong = "G3793" asked|strong = "G1905". <sup>11</sup>

'Let|strong = "G1161" anyone|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "G2192" two|strong = "G1417" coats|strong = "G5509", answered|strong = "G3004" John|strong = "G3004", 'share|strong = "G3330" with|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" person|strong = "H5315" who|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "G2192" none|strong = "G3361"; and|strong = "G2532" anyone|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "G3588" has|strong = "G2192" food|strong = "G1033" do|strong = "G4160" the|strong = "G2532" same|strong = "G3668".'

<sup>12</sup>Even|strong = "G2532" tax|strong = "G5057" collectors|strong = "G5057" came|strong = "G2064" to|strong = "G4314" be|strong = "G2532" baptized, and|strong = "G2532" said|strong = "G3004" to|strong = "G4314" John|strong = "G3004", 'Teacher|strong = "G1320", what|strong = "G5101"

are|strong = "G2532" we|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G4314"  
do|strong = "G4160"?"

13'Do|strong = "G4238" not|strong = "G3367" collect|strong = "G4238"  
more|strong = "G4119" than|strong = "G3844" you|strong = "G5210"  
have|strong = "G5210" authority|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "G4314"  
demand|strong = "H7592", ' John|strong = "G3004"  
answered|strong = "G3004". <sup>14</sup> And|strong = "G2532"  
when|strong = "G1161" some|strong = "G3588" soldiers|strong = "G4754"  
on|strong = "G1161" active|strong = "G4754" service|strong = "G4754"  
asked|strong = "G1905" 'And|strong = "G2532" we|strong = "G2249" –  
what|strong = "G5101" are|strong = "G3588" we|strong = "G2249"  
to|strong = "G4314" do|strong = "G4160"?' he|strong = "G2532"  
said|strong = "G3004", 'Never|strong = "G3367" use|strong = "G3588"  
violence|strong = "H2555", or|strong = "G2532" exact|strong = "H5065"  
anything|strong = "G3367" by|strong = "G4314" false|strong = "H8267"  
accusation|strong = "G4811"; and|strong = "G2532" be|strong = "G2532"  
content|strong = "G4160" with|strong = "G4314" your|strong = "G2532"  
pay|strong = "H7999".'

15Then|strong = "G2532", while|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"  
people|strong = "G2992" were|strong = "G1510" in|strong = "G1722"  
suspense, and|strong = "G2532" were|strong = "G1510" all|strong = "G3956"  
debating with|strong = "G1722" themselves|strong = "G1722"  
whether|strong = "G2532" John|strong = "G2491" could|strong = "G3588"  
be|strong = "G1510" the|strong = "G1722" Christ|strong = "G5547", <sup>16</sup>  
John|strong = "G2491", addressing|strong = "G3004" them|strong = "G3588"  
all|strong = "G3956", said|strong = "G3004", 'I|strong = "G1473",  
indeed|strong = "G2532", baptize you|strong = "G5210"  
with|strong = "G1722" water|strong = "G5204"; but|strong = "G1161"  
there|strong = "G2532" is|strong = "G1510" coming|strong = "G2064"  
one|strong = "G3739" more|strong = "G2532" powerful|strong = "G2478"  
than|strong = "G2478" I|strong = "G1473", and|strong = "G2532"  
I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1510" not|strong = "G3756"  
fit|strong = "G2425" even|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" unfasten  
his|strong = "G3956" sandals|strong = "G5266". He|strong = "G2532"  
will|strong = "G1510" baptize you|strong = "G5210" with|strong = "G1722"  
the|strong = "G1722" Holy|strong = "G4151" Spirit|strong = "G4151"  
and|strong = "G2532" with|strong = "G1722" fire|strong = "G4442". <sup>17</sup>  
His|strong = "G1519" winnowing-fan is|strong = "G3588" in|strong = "G1722"  
his|strong = "G1519" hand|strong = "G5495" so|strong = "G2532"  
that|strong = "G3739" he|strong = "G2532" may|strong = "G2532"  
clear|strong = "G1245" his|strong = "G1519" threshing-floor,  
and|strong = "G2532" store|strong = "G4863" the|strong = "G1722"  
grain|strong = "G4621" in|strong = "G1722" his|strong = "G1519"

barn|strong = "H4035", but|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G1722"  
 chaff|strong = "H4671" he|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G2532"  
 burn|strong = "G2618" with|strong = "G1722" a|strong = "G2532"  
 fire|strong = "G4442" that|strong = "G3739" cannot|strong = "H3808"  
 be|strong = "G2532" put|strong = "G2532" out|strong = "G2532".'

18And|strong = "G2532" so|strong = "G3767" with|strong = "G2532"  
 many|strong = "G4183" different|strong = "G2087" appeals  
 John|strong = "G2097" told|strong = "H5046" his|strong = "G2532"  
 good|strong = "G2097" news|strong = "G2097" to|strong = "G2532"  
 the|strong = "G2532" people|strong = "G2992". <sup>19</sup> But|strong = "G1161"  
 when|strong = "G1161" John|strong = "G2532" rebuked|strong = "G1651"  
 Herod|strong = "G2264" the|strong = "G2532" ruler|strong = "H4910",  
 for|strong = "G4012" Herodia his|strong = "G3956"  
 brother's|strong = "H0251" wife|strong = "G1135", and|strong = "G2532"  
 for|strong = "G4012" all|strong = "G3956" the|strong = "G2532"  
 evil|strong = "G4190" things|strong = "G3956" that|strong = "G3739"  
 he|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532" done|strong = "G4160", <sup>20</sup> Herod  
 crowned|strong = "H5849" them|strong = "G3588" all|strong = "G3956"  
 by|strong = "G1722" shutting|strong = "H5462" John|strong = "G2491"  
 up|strong = "G2623" in|strong = "G1722" prison|strong = "G5438".

21Now|strong = "G1161" after|strong = "G1161" the|strong = "G1722"  
 baptism of|strong = "G2532" all|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"  
 people|strong = "G2992", and|strong = "G2532" when|strong = "G1161"  
 Jesus|strong = "G2424" had|strong = "G2424" been|strong = "G1096"  
 baptized and|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G1096" still|strong = "H5750"  
 praying|strong = "G4336", the|strong = "G1722" heavens|strong = "G3772"  
 opened|strong = "H6605", <sup>22</sup> and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722"  
 Holy|strong = "G4151" Spirit|strong = "G4151" came|strong = "G1096"  
 down|strong = "G2597" on|strong = "G1909" him|strong = "G3588"  
 in|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" form|strong = "G1491"  
 of|strong = "G1537" a|strong = "G1096" dove|strong = "G4058",  
 and|strong = "G2532" from|strong = "G1537" the|strong = "G1722"  
 heavens|strong = "G3772" came|strong = "G1096" a|strong = "G1096"  
 voice|strong = "G5456" – 'You|strong = "G4771" are|strong = "G1510"  
 my|strong = "G1722" dearly|strong = "H0157" loved|strong = "H0157"  
 son|strong = "G5207"; you|strong = "G4771" bring|strong = "G2532"  
 me|strong = "G1473" great|strong = "G2532" joy|strong = "H8057".'

23When|strong = "G5613" beginning|strong = "H7225"  
 his|strong = "G2532" work|strong = "H4399", Jesus|strong = "G2424"  
 was|strong = "G1510" about|strong = "G5613" thirty|strong = "G5144"  
 years|strong = "G2094" old|strong = "G2094". He|strong = "G2532"  
 was|strong = "G1510" regarded|strong = "H2803" as|strong = "G5613"

the|strong = "G2532" son|strong = "G5207" of|strong = "G5207"  
 Joseph|strong = "G2501", whose|strong = "G3588"  
 ancestors|strong = "H0001" were|strong = "G1510" –

E li|strong = "G2242", <sup>24</sup> Mattith, Levi|strong = "G3017",  
 Melchiah|strong = "H4441", Janna|strong = "G2388",  
 Joseph|strong = "G2501", <sup>25</sup> Mattithiah|strong = "H4993",  
 Amos|strong = "H5986", Nahum|strong = "G3486", Azaliah|strong = "H0683",  
 Nogah|strong = "H5052", <sup>26</sup> Mattith, Mattithiah|strong = "H4993",  
 Shimei|strong = "H8096", Joseph|strong = "G2501", Josheh, <sup>27</sup>  
 Johanan|strong = "H3110", Rhesa|strong = "G4488",  
 Zerubbabel|strong = "G2216", Salathiel|strong = "G4528",  
 Neriah|strong = "H5374", <sup>28</sup> Melchiah|strong = "H4441", Addi,  
 Cosam|strong = "G2973", Elmodam|strong = "G1678", Er|strong = "G2262",  
<sup>29</sup> Joshua|strong = "G2424", Eliezer|strong = "G1663",  
 Joram|strong = "H3141", Mattith, Levi|strong = "G3017", <sup>30</sup>  
 Simeon|strong = "G4826", Judah|strong = "G2455", Joseph|strong = "G2501",  
 Jonam|strong = "G2494", Eliakim|strong = "G1662", <sup>31</sup> Meleah,  
 Menan|strong = "G3104", Mattithiah|strong = "H4993",  
 Nathan|strong = "G3481", David|strong = "G1138", <sup>32</sup>  
 Jesse|strong = "G2421", Obed|strong = "G5601", Boaz|strong = "G1003",  
 Salah|strong = "H7974", Nahshon|strong = "G3476", <sup>33</sup> Aminadab, Arni,  
 Hezron|strong = "G2074", Perez|strong = "G5329", Judah|strong = "G2455",  
<sup>34</sup> Jacob|strong = "G2384", Isaac|strong = "G2464",  
 Abraham|strong = "H0085", Terah|strong = "G2291",  
 Nahor|strong = "G3493", <sup>35</sup> Serug|strong = "H8286", Reu|strong = "G4466",  
 Peleg|strong = "G5317", Eber|strong = "H5677", Shelah|strong = "G4527", <sup>36</sup>  
 Kenan|strong = "H7018", Arpachshad|strong = "H0775",  
 Shem|strong = "G4590", Noah|strong = "G3575", Lamech|strong = "G2984",  
<sup>37</sup> Methuselah|strong = "G3103", Enoch|strong = "G1802",  
 Jared|strong = "G2391", Mahalalel|strong = "H4111",  
 Kenan|strong = "H7018", <sup>38</sup> Enosh|strong = "G1800", Seth|strong = "G4589",  
 son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "G2316" Adam|strong = "H0121",  
 and|strong = "G2316" Adam|strong = "H0121", son|strong = "H1121"  
 of|strong = "G2316" God|strong = "G2316".

4On|strong = "G1722" returning|strong = "G5290" from|strong = "G2532"  
 the|strong = "G1722" Jordan|strong = "G2446", full|strong = "G4134"  
 of|strong = "G4151" the|strong = "G1722" Holy|strong = "G4151"  
 Spirit|strong = "G4151", Jesus|strong = "G2424" was|strong = "G3588"  
 led|strong = "G2424" by|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"  
 power|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "G4151" the|strong = "G1722"  
 Spirit|strong = "G4151" through|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"  
 wilderness|strong = "G2048" for|strong = "G1161" forty|strong = "H0705"  
 days|strong = "H3117", tempted|strong = "H5254" by|strong = "G1722"

the|strong = "G1722" devil.

2All|strong = "G2532" that|strong = "G3588" time|strong = "G2250"  
 he|strong = "G2532" ate|strong = "G2068" nothing|strong = "G3762";  
 and|strong = "G2532", when|strong = "G2532" it|strong = "G2532"  
 was|strong = "G3588" over|strong = "G1722", he|strong = "G2532"  
 became|strong = "G3588" hungry|strong = "G3983". <sup>3</sup> So|strong = "G2443"  
 the|strong = "G1161" devil|strong = "G1228" said|strong = "G3004"  
 to|strong = "G2443" him|strong = "G3588", 'If|strong = "G1487"  
 you|strong = "G1487" are|strong = "G1510" God's|strong = "G2316"  
 Son|strong = "G5207", tell|strong = "G3004" this|strong = "G3778"  
 stone|strong = "G3037" to|strong = "G2443" become|strong = "G1096"  
 a|strong = "G1096" loaf|strong = "H3603" of|strong = "G5207"  
 bread|strong = "H3899".' <sup>4</sup> And|strong = "G2532" Jesus|strong = "G2424"  
 answered|strong = "H6030" him|strong = "G3588", 'w  
 Scripture|strong = "G1125" w\* w says|strong = "H0559" w\* - "w  
 It|strong = "G2532" w\* w is|strong = "G3588" w\* w not|strong = "G3756" w\* w  
 on|strong = "G1909" w\* w bread|strong = "H3899" w\* w  
 alone|strong = "G3441" w\* w that|strong = "G3754" w\* w  
 a|strong = "G2532" w\* w person|strong = "H5315" w\* w  
 is|strong = "G3588" w\* w to|strong = "G4314" w\* w  
 live|strong = "G2198" w\* .'"

5And|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" devil led|strong = "H1980"  
 Jesus|strong = "G2532" up|strong = "G2532", and|strong = "G2532"  
 showing|strong = "H6213" him|strong = "G3588" in|strong = "G1722"  
 a|strong = "G2532" single|strong = "H0259" moment|strong = "G4743"  
 all|strong = "G3956" the|strong = "G1722" kingdoms|strong = "H4467"  
 of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G1722" earth|strong = "G3625",  
 said|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" him|strong = "G3588", <sup>6</sup>  
 'I|strong = "G1473" will|strong = "G2309" give|strong = "G1325"  
 you|strong = "G4771" all|strong = "G2532" this|strong = "G3778"  
 power|strong = "G1849", and|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532"  
 splendour of|strong = "G2532" them|strong = "G3588"; for|strong = "G3754"  
 it|strong = "G2532" has|strong = "G3739" been|strong = "G2532"  
 given|strong = "G1325" into|strong = "G3860" my|strong = "G1325"  
 hands|strong = "G3860" and|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G1473"  
 give|strong = "G1325" it|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"  
 whom|strong = "G3739" I|strong = "G1473" wish|strong = "G2309". <sup>7</sup>  
 If|strong = "G1437" you|strong = "G4771" worship|strong = "G4352"  
 me|strong = "G1473", it|strong = "G1437" will|strong = "G1510"  
 all|strong = "G3956" be|strong = "G1510" yours|strong = "G4771".' <sup>8</sup>  
 And|strong = "G2532" Jesus|strong = "G2424" answered|strong = "G3004"  
 him|strong = "G3588", 'w Scripture|strong = "G1125" w\* w  
 says|strong = "G3004" w\* - "w You|strong = "G4771" w\* w

should|strong = "G2316" w\* w worship|strong = "G4352" w\* w  
 the|strong = "G2532" w\* w Lord|strong = "G2962" w\* w  
 your|strong = "G2962" w\* w God|strong = "G2316" w\*, w  
 and|strong = "G2532" w\* w worship|strong = "G4352" w\* w  
 him|strong = "G3588" w\* w only|strong = "G3441" w\* ."

9The|strong = "G2532" devil next|strong = "G1519" led|strong = "H1980"  
 him|strong = "G3588" into|strong = "G1519" Jerusalem|strong = "G2419",  
 and|strong = "G2532", placing|strong = "H5414" him|strong = "G3588"  
 on|strong = "G1909" the|strong = "G2532" parapet|strong = "H4624"  
 of|strong = "G5207" the|strong = "G2532" Temple|strong = "G2411",  
 said|strong = "G3004", 'If|strong = "G1487" you|strong = "G1487"  
 are|strong = "G1510" God's|strong = "G2316" Son|strong = "G5207"  
 throw|strong = "H7993" yourself|strong = "G4572" down|strong = "G2736"  
 from|strong = "G2532" here|strong = "G1782", <sup>10</sup> for|strong = "G1063"  
 scripture|strong = "G1125" says|strong = "H0559" – "He|strong = "G3754"  
 will|strong = "G3748" give|strong = "G1781" his|strong = "G4012"  
 angels|strong = "H4397" commands|strong = "H6680"  
 about|strong = "G4012" you|strong = "G4771", to|strong = "G1063"  
 guard|strong = "G1314" you|strong = "G4771" safely|strong = "H0983", " <sup>11</sup>  
 And|strong = "G2532" "On|strong = "G1909" their|strong = "G2532"  
 hands|strong = "G5495" they|strong = "G2532" will|strong = "G2532"  
 lift|strong = "H5375" you|strong = "G4771" up|strong = "G2532",  
 otherwise|strong = "G3379" you|strong = "G4771" might|strong = "G2532"  
 strike|strong = "G4350" your|strong = "G2532" foot|strong = "G4228"  
 against|strong = "G1909" a|strong = "G2532" stone|strong = "G3037". " <sup>12</sup>  
 But|strong = "G2532" Jesus|strong = "G2424" answered|strong = "G3004"  
 him|strong = "G3588", 'w It|strong = "G2532" w\* w is|strong = "G3588" w\* w  
 said|strong = "G3004" w\* – "w You|strong = "G4771" w\* w  
 must|strong = "G2046" w\* w not|strong = "G3756" w\* w  
 tempt|strong = "G1598" w\* w the|strong = "G2532" w\* w  
 Lord|strong = "G2962" w\* w your|strong = "G2962" w\* w  
 God|strong = "G2316" w\* ."

13When|strong = "G2532" he|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532"  
 tried|strong = "H6884" every|strong = "G3956" kind|strong = "G3956"  
 of|strong = "G2532" temptation|strong = "G3986", the|strong = "G2532"  
 devil|strong = "G1228" left|strong = "H7604" Jesus|strong = "G2532",  
 until|strong = "G2532" another|strong = "G3588"  
 opportunity|strong = "G2540".

The|strong = "G2532" Work|strong = "G3956" in|strong = "G2532"  
 Galilee|strong = "H1551"

14Moved|strong = "H4131" by|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722"  
 power|strong = "G1411" of|strong = "G4012" the|strong = "G1722"

Spirit|strong = "G4151", Jesus|strong = "G2424" returned|strong = "G5290" to|strong = "G1519" Galilee|strong = "G1056". Reports|strong = "H1697" about|strong = "G4012" him|strong = "G3588" spread|strong = "G1831" through|strong = "G1722" all|strong = "G3650" that|strong = "G3588" region|strong = "G4066"; <sup>15</sup> and|strong = "G2532" he|strong = "G2532" began|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "G2532" teach|strong = "G1321" in|strong = "G1722" their|strong = "G2532" synagogues|strong = "G4864", and|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G3588" honoured|strong = "G1392" by|strong = "G1722" everyone|strong = "G3956".

16Coming|strong = "G2064" to|strong = "G1519" Nazareth|strong = "G3478", where|strong = "G3757" he|strong = "G2532" had|strong = "G2532" been|strong = "G1510" brought|strong = "G2064" up|strong = "G1519", Jesus|strong = "G1525", as|strong = "G1519" was|strong = "G1510" his|strong = "G1519" custom|strong = "G1486", went|strong = "G2064" on|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" Sabbath|strong = "G4521" into|strong = "G1519" the|strong = "G1722" synagogue|strong = "G4864", and|strong = "G2532" stood|strong = "G3588" up|strong = "G1519" to|strong = "G1519" read|strong = "H7121" the|strong = "G1722" scriptures. <sup>17</sup> He|strong = "G2532" was|strong = "G1510" given|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "G2532" book|strong = "G3588" of|strong = "G2532" the|strong = "G2532" prophet|strong = "G4396" Isaiah|strong = "G2268"; and|strong = "G2532" Jesus|strong = "G1510" opened|strong = "H6605" the|strong = "G2532" book|strong = "G3588" and|strong = "G2532" found|strong = "G2147" the|strong = "G2532" place|strong = "G5117" where|strong = "G3757" it|strong = "G2532" says|strong = "H0559" –

18“w The|strong = "G1722" w\* w Spirit|strong = "G4151" w\* w of|strong = "G4151" w\* w the|strong = "G1722" w\* w Lord|strong = "G2962" w\* w is|strong = "G3739" w\* w on|strong = "G1909" w\* w me|strong = "G1473" w\*,

w for|strong = "G1909" w\* w he|strong = "G2532" w\* w has|strong = "G2962" w\* w consecrated|strong = "H6942" w\* w me|strong = "G1473" w\* w to|strong = "G2532" w\* w bring|strong = "G2097" w\* w good|strong = "G2097" w\* w news|strong = "G2097" w\* w to|strong = "G2532" w\* w the|strong = "G1722" w\* w poor|strong = "G4434" w\*,

w he|strong = "G2532" w\* w has|strong = "G2962" w\* w sent|strong = "G2532" w\* w me|strong = "G1473" w\* w to|strong = "G2532" w\* w w proclaim|strong = "G2784" w\* w release|strong = "H7971" w\* w to|strong = "G2532" w\* w captives|strong = "H7617" w\* w