1 R.V. Cureton. Bezae. ² Cureton. and came to the shore of the lake of Galilee; and went up, and sat down on a mountain. And great 30 multitudes came near unto him, having with them the lame, the blind, the maimed, the dumb, and many others, and cast them down at his1 feet; and he healed them: and the multitude wondered, for 31 they saw the dumb who spake,2 the lame who walked, and the blind who saw: and they glorified the God of Israel. And Jesus called his disciples, and said, I 32 have compassion on this multitude, for behold, three days they continue with me, and have nothing to eat: and I do not wish to send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. His disciples say unto him, Whence 32 should we have bread in the wilderness, to feed all this multitude? Jesus said unto them, How many 34 loaves have ye? They said, Seven loaves, and a few fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit 35 down on the ground. And he took these seven loaves 36 and the fishes, and gave thanks and brake, and gave to his disciples, and his disciples placed them before the multitude. And they did all eat, and were satisfied: 37 and they took up from before them what was left of the loaves seven baskets full. And the men that did 38 eat were four thousand, besides women and children. And he sent away the multitude, went up, and sat in 39 a ship, and came into the coasts of Magdan.3

3 Cureton. Magdon.

4 Omit part of v. 2; omit v. 3. R.V. marg. Cureton.

And the Pharisees and Sadducees came near, 16 tempting him, and asking him to shew them a sign from heaven. But he answered and said, 4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh a sign; and no sign shall be given unto it, but the sign of Jona the prophet. And he left them and departed. And

when they were come to the other side, his disciples had forgotten to take bread with them. Jesus said unto them, Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees. 1 Cureton. 7 and the Sadducees. Then they reasoned among themselves,2 that2 they had not taken bread with 2 Cureton. 8 them. And Jesus knew it, and said, Why reason R.V. Bezae, ye among yourselves, O ve of little faith, because ve 9 have brought no bread? do ye not yet understand, do ve not remember the five loaves, and the five thousand who ate them, and how many baskets4 ye 4 baskets' in vv. 9 and 10 took up from before them⁵? nor yet those seven loaves, different ... of the four thousand who ate of them, and how Syriac words borrowed 11 many baskets4 ye took up from before them? How is it from the Greek. that ye do not understand that it was not concerning 5 Cureton. bread I said to you, Beware of the leaven of the 12 Pharisees and the Sadducees? Then they understood that it was not of the leaven he bade them beware, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of 13 the Sadducees. And when Jesus came into the borders of Cesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples saying, What do men say concerning me? who then

is John the Baptist; others say he is Elia; others Curetonsay he is Jeremia; others say he is one of the

[xvi. 15 to xvii. 11 is lost.]

14 is this Son of man? They say to him, Some say he

15 prophets. He saith unto them, Ye

17.... things. But I say unto you, that Elia also is come, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. And the Son of man 13 shall suffer of them. Then his disciples understood Cureton. that he spake unto them of John.

And when Jesus⁸ came to the multitude, there ⁸ Cureton.

1 Cureton.

2 R.V.

4 R.V.

R.V. Cureton.

6 Cureton. Bezae.

Cureton. Bezae.

3 Cureton.

Cureton. Bezae.

came a certain man, and fell on his knees, and said, 14 Have mercy on me; my son, a spirit of epilepsy seizes 15 on him, and he is sore vexed: and oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft-times into the water. And I 16 brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Jesus answered and said, O perverse1 and faith-17 less generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither to me. And Jesus 18 rebuked him2; and the demon3 departed from him: and from that hour the child was cured. Then his 19 disciples came near to him apart, and said, Why could not we cure him? He4 said unto them, Be- 20 cause ye have no faith: for verily I say unto you, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye should then have said unto this mountain, Remove, and it shall 5 Omit v. 21. remove; and nothing shall prevail against you. 5And while they went about6 in Galilee, Jesus said unto 22 them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: and they shall kill him, and after three days he shall rise again. And they were 23 exceeding sorry. And when they were come to 24 Capernaum, they that collected drachmas came and said unto Simon, Thy master, doth he not give his drachmas? He saith, Yes. And when he was come 25 into his house, Jesus spake first to him, saying, What

> thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom and tribute? of their children,

> open his mouth, and thou shalt find there8 a stater:

or of strangers? He7 said unto him, Of strangers. 26 Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. But that we may not offend them, go, cast a hook into 27 the sea, and the first fish that cometh up, take; and

7 Bezae.

8 Cureton.

Bezae.

give to them for me and for thee.

18 On that day his disciples came near, saying unto him, Who then shall be great in the kingdom of 2 heaven? Jesus called a certain child, and set him 3 amongst them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, [and] become as children, ye 4 shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. For

whoso shall humble himself as this child, he shall be

5 great in the kingdom of heaven. And whose shall receive such as one of these1 children in my name, 1 Cureton. receiveth me. And whosoever shall offend one of

6 these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that the mill-stone of an2 ass were cast 2 R.V. marg. about his neck, and that he were drowned in the Bezae. depth of the sea.

Woe unto the world because of the offences that are coming3! for the offences are ready to come; but 3 Cureton. woe to the man by whose hand4 they shall come! 4 Cureton.

8 If then thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for5 it is profitable5 for thee 5 Cureton. that thou shouldest come into life whilst thou art halt or whilst thou art maimed, and not whilst thou hast two hands or two feet, thou shouldest go into

9 eternal fire. If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee to enter into life, having eye, and not whilst thou hast two, that thou shouldest go into the hell6 of fire. 6 Gehenna.

10 See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for verily I say unto you, That their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

12 ⁷How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, ⁷Omit v. 11. and one of them go astray, doth he not leave the Palestinian Syriac. ninety-and-nine on the mountain, and go seeking

13 that which is gone astray? And when he hath

found it, I say unto you, he rejoiceth more over it than over the ninety-and-nine which went not astray. Even so my Father which is in heaven 14 willeth not that one of these little ones should perish.

But if thy brother sin against thee, reprove 15 him between thee and him: if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not 16 hear thee, take with thee again one or two, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. But if he will not hear them, tell it 17 unto the synagogue: and if he will not hear the synagogue, let him be accounted by thee as a heathen publican. . . . I say unto you, Whatsoever 18 ye shall bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. Again, verily I say unto you 19 about any they shall ask, it shall be to them from my Father which is in heaven. For there are 20 not two or three gathered together in my Name, and I not amongst them.1

1 Bezae.

Then came Simon Cepha, and said, Lord, how 21 oft-times if my brother sin against me shall I forgive him? till seven times? He saith unto him, 22 Not until seven, but until seventy times seven

2 'seven' is seven.2 repeated also in the The

repeated
also in the
Syriac text
of Cureton
and of the
Peshitta.

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is likened 23 unto a man, a king, which would take account from his servants. And when he began to reckon, 24 there came to him one which owed him ten thousand talents. And when he had nothing to pay, 25 he commanded to sell him, and his children,

3 Cureton. and everything that he had to be taken.3 And he 26

fell down, to his lord. . . . patience, and I 27 will pay1 all. He had compassion on him, and 1 Bezae. 28 loosed him, and forgave him also the debt. That servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him one hundred pence: and he seized on him, and throttled him, and said, Give 29 me that thou owest me. And his fellow-servant fell down, beseeching him and saying, Have patience 2 R.V.

30 with me, and I also will pay thee. And he did not Bezae. receive his entreaty⁴: but cast him into prison, till he Cureton.
Bezae.

31 should pay what he owed. But when his fellow- 4 Cureton.

servants saw what had happened, they were sorry, and came . . . unto their lord all . . . that had happened.

32 Then his lord called him, and said unto him, O wicked servant, lo, I forgave thee all the debt,

33 because thou desiredst me: shouldest thou not have had pity on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity

34 on thee? And his lord was wroth against him, 5 and 5 Cureton. delivered him to be scourged,6 till he should pay 6 Cureton.

35 that which he owed. So shall my Father which is Bezae. in heaven do unto you, unless ye from8 your heart 8 Cureton. forgive every one his brother.9 9 Cureton.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished 19 these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came to 2 the borders of Judæa beyond Jordan; and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them.

And the Pharisees came unto him there, tempting him and saying, 10 Is it lawful for a man to put away 10 R.V. Cureton. 4 his wife for every cause? And he answered and

said unto them, Have ye not read, that he who 5 made the male made also the female 11? For 11 Cureton. this cause shall a man leave his12 father and his12 12 Cureton. mother, and shall cleave to his wife: twain

1 Literally, Moses commanded?' 2 Curcton.

3 Omit-'and whosoever marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.' R.V. marg Cureton.

Bezae.

... joined, let not man put asunder. They say 7 unto him, Why then did Moses command, Whoso will 'what is that which put away his wife let him give her a writing of divorcement²? He saith unto them, Moses, because 8 of the hardness of your heart, suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. I say then unto you, Whoso shall put away his 9 wife, when there is no adultery, and shall take another, committeth adultery.3 His disciples say 10 unto him. If the case be so between a man and wife, it is not profitable to take a wife. He said unto 11 them, Not every man this saying, but [those] to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs, 12 which were from their mother's womb: there are eunuchs, whom men have made: and there are some who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. . . . able to bear it, let him bear it.

> Then children, that he should put his 13 hand on them, and pray; and the disciples rebuked 14 Jesus said unto them. Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such as are like them,4 theirs is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hand on them, and departed.

4 Cureton.

5 Cureton.

6 Cureton.

7 R.V. Bezae. 8 Omit 'God,' R.V.

Bezae.

And⁵ a certain man came and said unto him, 16 Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may inherit6 eternal life? He said unto him, Why askest 17 thou me concerning the good?? for one is the good one.8 If thou then wilt enter into life, He saith unto 18 him, Which ones? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt to not kill, thou shalt not commit adultery, saith unto him I have kept youth 20

shall be first.

21.... Jesus unto him, If thou desirest to be perfect, go, sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and 22 come f When the young man heard that saying, he went away: for he was rich with 23 good possessions. Jesus . . . Verily I say unto you, That it is hard for a rich man to enter into the 24 kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, 25 That it is easier for a camel disciples, 26 saying, Who then can be saved? and said 27 unto them, God all things Then Cepha and said unto him, We have forsaken all, 28.... what shall we have the Son of man on of his glory, the twelve tribes of the 29 house of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive 30 an hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life. For there are many first who shall be last, and last who

or the "day

20 The kingdom of heaven is like to a man, a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire 2 labourers into his vineyard. And he agreed with them for one penny for one workman for one day, 1 cureton.

3 and sent them into his vineyard. And he went out at the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the

4 marketplace. He said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you.

5 Again he went out at the sixth and ninth hour, and

6 did likewise. And he went out at the eleventh hour, and saw others who were standing.² He saith unto ² R.V. Cureton,

7 them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? Thay say Bezac. unto him, No man hath hired us. He saith unto 3 cureton.

 Bezae.
 R. V. Bezae.

them, Go ye also into my1 vineyard.2 And so when it 8 was evening, the lord said unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their wages: and he began from the last unto the first. And when they came, 9 who were in the eleventh hour, they took up every man a penny. And when the first came, they 10 supposed that he would give them more³; and they also received every man a penny. And when they 11 saw4 it, they murmured against the master of the

4 Cureton.

3 Cureton.

house, saying, These last, which have wrought one 12 hour, thou hast made equal with us, who have borne the burden of the day in the heat. But he 13 answered and said to one of them, Friend, I wrong thee not: was it not for a penny that I agreed with thee? Take thy penny, and go: if I wish to give to 14 this last one, even as unto thee, have I not power 15 5 or 'within to do what I will with mine own? or is thine eye evil,

mine own.'

because I am good? So the last shall be first, and 16 the first last: many be called, but few chosen.

6 Cureton. Bezae.

And when Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he 17 took with him his6 twelve in the way, and said unto them apart, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and 18 the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the people, 19 and they shall mock him, and scourge him, and crucify him: and on the third day he shall rise.

7 Cureton

Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's 20 children, she and her sons, and she fell down,7 and worshipped him, and desired something of him. And 21 he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Lord, that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left, in thy

22 kingdom. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of ? They say, We are able. R.V. Cureton.

23 Jesus² saith unto them, Ye shall drink of my cup,² Bezae. but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give to you, except to those for whom my

24 Father hath prepared it. When the ten heard it, they murmured against these two brethren.

[xx. 25 to xxi. 20 is lost.]

21 The disciples marvelled, and said, How did this fig-21 tree immediately wither away? Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall do not only like what is done unto this fig-tree, but if ye shall say to this mountain, Be thou taken up, and fall into 22 the sea; it shall be so. And all, whatsoever ye shall

ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

And when he was come into the temple, the chief 23 priests and the elders of the people came near unto him, saying, By what authority doest thou these things? tell us, and who gave thee this authority?

24 Jesus answered and said unto them, And I also will ask you one word, which if ye tell me, I will tell you

25 by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or from men? And they were reasoning with themselves, saying, If we shall say it was from heaven, he will say unto us,

26 Why did ye not believe in him? And if we shall say, It was from men; we fear the multitude; for

27 they all held John as a prophet. And they answered and said to Jesus. We know not. He also³ said unto ³ R.V. them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do

1 Cureton.

2 Cureton.

3 Cureton.
Bezae.
4 Cureton.
5 Cureton.

6 Cod. Vaticanus.

Vaticanus Bezae.

7 Bezae.

8 Cureton. Bezae.

9 Cureton.

10 Cureton.

11 Cureton.

these things. But how does it seem to you? A 28 certain man had two sons; hel said unto the first, Go, my son, do the work in the vineyard. He2 said unto 29 him, I will not, but afterwards his soul repented, and he went to the vineyard.3 And he4 said to the second 30 likewise, and he answered and said, Yes,5 sir, and went not. Whether of these did the will of his 31 They say unto him, *The last.6 Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of 32 righteousness, and ye believed not in him; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye saw it, at last repented vourselves, that ye might believe in him. Hear another parable: a certain 33 man, that was an householder, planted a vineyard, and made a hedge to it, and digged a [wine] press in it, and built a tower in it, and delivered it to husbandmen, and went away8: and when it was the 34 season of the fruits, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might send him some of the fruits. And the husbandmen took his servants, and 35 one they beat, and one they killed, and one they stoned. Again he sent other servants more than the 36 first, and they did unto them in like manner. But 37 last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, Haply10 they will reverence my son. But the husbandmen, 38 when they saw his son, said, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.11 And they took him, and cast him forth out of the 39 vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the lord 40

^{*} v. 31 Codex Bezae, λέγουσιν δ αίσχατος—dicunt novissimus.

of the vineyard shall come, what will he do unto these 41 husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy them, and will give the vineyard to other 1 cureton. husbandmen, who will give2 the fruits in their season. 2 Cureton.

- 42 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye not read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, it is become the head of the corner: this is from the Lord.
- 43 and it is a marvel in our eyes. Therefore I say unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and given to a nation which bringeth forth

45 fruit.3 4But when the chief priests and Pharisees 3 cureton. had heard his parables, they knew that he spake R.V. marg.

46 against them. And they sought to take him, but they feared the people, because they took him for a prophet.

Again Jesus answered and spake unto them by 2 parables. The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man, a king, which made a marriage feast for his son,

and sent his servants to call them that were bidden

4 to the wedding: and they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, Say ye to them which are bidden. Behold, everything is prepared, come

5 unto 5 the marriage-feast. But they made light of 5 Syriacit, and there was one who went to his farm, and one

6 who went to his merchandise; and the remnant who were left laid hold6 of his servants, entreated them 6 cureton.

7 spitefully, and slew them. And the king was wroth, 7 cureton. and sent his armies, and they destroyed those mur-

8 derers, and burnt up their city with fire.8 Then saith 8 Cureton. he to his servants, The wedding-feast is ready, but they

9 which were bidden were not worthy of it. Go ye therefore into the highways,9 and as many as ye ocureton. 10 shall find, bid to the wedding feast. And those

servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all that they found, bad and good: and the house of the wedding feast was filled with guests. And 11 when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who was not clad in a wedding dress: he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in 12 hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, 13 Seize him by his hands and his feet, and put him out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are 14 chosen.

they might entangle him in talk. And they 16 sent unto him his disciples, with the servants of Herod, saying to him, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, and thou carest not for any man: for thou regardest not the faces of men. How doth it then appear to thee? 17 Is it fitting for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus knowing their wickedness, said unto them, 2 18 Ye hypocrites, why tempt ye me? Shew me the coin 19 of the tribute money. And they held out to him a penny. Jesus saith unto them, Whose is this 20 image and inscription? They say unto him, Cæsar's. 21 Then saith he unto them. Give what is Cæsar's unto

Cæsar; and what is God's unto God. And when 22 they heard this, they marvelled, and left him, and

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how 15

The same day there came to him the Sadducees, 23

4 R.V. marg. saying to him, 4 There is no life of the dead, and cureton.

Bezae. asked him, saying, Teacher, Moses said to us, 5 If a 24 man die, leaving no son, his brother shall marry his

went their way.

¹ Bezae.

² Cureton.

3 Cureton.

25	wife. And there were seven brethren: and the first
	died, having no son by her, and his wife was married
26	to his brother: Likewise also the second, and also the
	third, unto the seventh of them. And last of all the
	woman died wife shall she be? for behold,
	they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto
	them, Ye greatly, and ye do not know
-30	the dead marry wives, nor are
	as touching the resurrection from the dead,
	have ye not read the which God spoke
-32	God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God
	of Jacob? and behold, he is the God, not of the cureton.
-33	dead, but of the living. And when the multitude
	heard these things, they were astonished at his doc-
34	trine. But when the Pharisees saw ² that he had put ² cureton.
	the Sadducees to silence, they gathered themselves
35	together unto him. And one of them asked him,
36	tempting him, and saying to him,3 Teacher, which 3 Cureton.
37	commandment is great in the law? Jesus said unto
	him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy
	heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. 4 4 Cureton.
	This is the great ⁵ and first commandment ⁵ Cureton, Bezae.
	like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour
40	On these hang the law And while
	the Pharisees were gathered together, them,
42	of the Christ? whose son is he? They say
to	unto him,
45	And if David him how his son?
	And they could not give him an answer, neither
00	durst any man from that hour ask him again. 6 Cureton. Bezae.
23	
2	disciples, On the seat of Moses sit the scribes and

the Pharisees: and all that they tell you, do; but do 3 not ye like unto their works: for they say, and do not. And1 they bind heavy burdens2 and put them 4 1 Cureton. ² R.V. marg. Cureton. on the shoulders of men; but they do not touch them. For all things that they do are for to be 5 seen of men: and they make broad the straps of their phylacteries, and lengthen the fringes of their garments, and love the chief places at feasts, and 6 the honourable seats in the synagogues, and the salutations of the marketplaces, and they desire³ 7 3 Cureton. that men should call them, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be 8 not ye called Rabbi: one is your teacher, 4 5 and ye all 4 R.V. 5 R.V. are brethren. And call no man your father upon the 9 earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called teachers, for your teacher is the 10 Christ. He who desires among you to be great⁶ 11 6 Cureton. shall be your servant. For whosoever shall exalt 12 himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall

humble himself shall be exalted.

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypo-13 crites! for ye hold the key of the kingdom of heaven before men: for ye neither enter in yourselves, nor those that are coming do ye suffer them to enter.

7 Omit r. 14. R.V. Cureton. Bezae.

8 Cureton.

⁷ Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ¹⁵ for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is become one, ye make him the child of hell twofold more than yourselves.

Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whoso shall swear by the temple, it doth not hurt⁸; and 16 whoso shall swear by the gold that is in the temple,

⁹ Cureton. he sins. ⁹ Ye fools, and blind, whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? 17

- 18 And whoso shall swear by the altar, it hurteth not: but whoso shall swear by the gift that is upon the
- but whoso shall swear by the gift that the greater, the 1 Cureton.

 19 altar, he sins. Ye blind 2! whether is greater, the 1 Cureton.

 2 R.V.

 Cureton.
- therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and

21 by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth

22 therein. And he that shall swear by heaven. sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done,

24 and those ye ought not to have left. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and all

26 uncleanness. Ye blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto sepulchres, which are whitened outside, and within are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Even so ye also outwardly appear unto men as righteous, but within are full of depravity and defor-29 mity. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and gar-

30 nish the sepulchres of the righteous, and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

1 R.V. Bezae. which killed the prophets. And ye also the 32 measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation 33 of vipers, how will ye flee from the judgment1 of hell2? I send unto you prophets, and wise men and scribes: 34 some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: that upon you may come 35 all the blood of the righteous, which hath been shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharia son of Barachia, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto 36 you, All these things shall come upon this genera-

.... would I.... thy children as gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye

tion. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the 37 prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee,

For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, 39 till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

... Jesus went out from the temple, to go 24 away: and his disciples came shewing him the buildings of the temple. And he answered and said unto 2 them, See ye all these stones? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left stone stone, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount 3 of Olives, the disciples came saying unto him when the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world? Jesus answered and said unto them, 4 many in my name, saying, I am the 5 Christ; and shall deceive many . . . and rumours 6 ... and kingdom against kingdom: and there 7

3 R.V.

shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places. 1 R.V. Bezae.
8 And all these are the beginning of travail. And then
shall they deliver you up to afflictions, and shall kill
you: and every man shall hate you for my name's
10 sake. Then shall many be offended, and shall betray
11 one another, and shall hate one another false
12 shall rise, and shall deceive many iniquity
13 the love of many endure unto the end,
14 be this of the kingdom
18 let him not come down to take out of his house: and
he which is in the field, let him not return back to
take his clothes.
19 And woe unto them that are with child
20 who give suck in those days! But pray ye that your
flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
21 for then shall be great tribulation, until this
22 day shall be. And except ed those
days be saved for the elect's sake
23 days. Then if any man
24 shall give great signs possible, they shall de-
25 ceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.
26 If they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the
desert; go not forth: or behold, he is in the secret
27 chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning
east, and is seen ² even unto the west; so also shall ² R.V.
28 be the coming of the Son of man the body
there eagles.
29 after the tribulation of those days the sun
and the light of the moon shall not shine, and
30 the stars shall fall from sign of the Son of man
31 in heaven: power his angels with a
great ³ trumpet, and his elect from the four ³ R.V. marg
32 winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Now

learn a parable from the fig-tree; When its branch

is tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all ³³ these things, know that it is near, at the door. Verily ³⁴ ^{1 Or 'tribe.'} I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things shall be. Heaven and earth shall ³⁵

pass away, and my words shall not pass away.

² R.V. Bezae.

3 R.V.

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, 36 not the angels of heaven, but the2 Father only. For 37 as it was in the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man.3 For as before the 38 flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until Noah entered into the ark, until came 39 and carried them all away: to in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh. 44 his lord over his companions, to give them 45 meat in its season? Blessed is that servant, whom 46 if his lord cometh, he shall find so doing. Verily 47 I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all that he hath. But if that evil servant shall 48 say in his heart, My lord delayeth to come; and shall 49 begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant 50 shall come in a day that he doth not expect, and in an hour that he knoweth not. And shall cut him 51 asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened 25 unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom and bride.⁴ And five 2 of them were foolish, and five were wise. They that 3

4 Bezae.

were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with 4 them: but the wise took oil in the vessels with 5 their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all 6 slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ve out to 7 meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed 8 their lamps. The foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for behold, our lamps are going out. 9 These wise ones said unto them, Perhaps it may not suffice for us and for you: but go ye to them that sell, 10 and buy for yourselves. And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the 11 door was shut. And afterwards those virgins came, 12 saying Our Lord, open to us. But he answered and to said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 37.... didst thirst, and we gave thee drink? 38 And when saw we thee that thou wast a stranger, and to 44 Our Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, ... or ... and did not minister 45 unto thee? Then shall he answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, What ye have not done to one of these little ones, ye have not 46 done it. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. And it came to pass his sayings, to 5 Saying be le. 6 And when house to 11 · · · · not at all times with you; me

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. thirty pieces of silver. 15 passover? to He said unto them, Go into the city to such a man, 18 and say unto him, Our Master saith, My time is at hand; in thy house will I keep the passover with my disciples. And his disciples did as Jesus had 19 appointed them; and they made ready the passover. And when it was evening, he sat down with the twelve. 20 And as they did eat, he said unto them, Verily I say 21 unto you, that one of you shall betray me. And they 22 were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say, 1 Not I surely, Lord? He said unto them, 23 He who stretches out his hand with me in the dish, he shall betray me. And the Son of man goeth as it 24 is written of him: but woe unto that man by whose hand I am betrayed! it would have been profitable for him if he had not been born. And Juda, the betrayer, 25 answered and said, Not I surely, Master? said unto him, Thou hast said. And as they were 26 eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to his disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks 27 over it, and gave to them, and said, Take, drink ve all of it; this is my blood of the new testament, 28 which is shed for many for the remission of sins. For I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of 29 this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. And when 30 they had sung praises, they went out into the mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus unto them, All 31 ve shall be offended in me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep

1 R.V.

32 of his flock shall be scattered abroad. And after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

Simon Cepha answered, and said, If they all shall be offended in thee, yet will I never be offended in 34 thee. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, This night, when the cock has not crowed, three 35 times thou shalt deny me. Simon Cepha said unto him. If it should happen to me to die with thee, I will not deny thee. Likewise also said all the 36 disciples. Then Jesus cometh with them unto a place called Gedsemane. He saith to his disciples, 1 Cod.—
'Gusemani.' 37 Sit ye here, until I go and pray. And he took Simon and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to 38 be sad and to be anxious. Then saith he unto them, Behold, my soul is sorrowful, even unto death: 39 tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he withdrew from them a little, fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, that this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not my will be done, but 40 thine. And he cometh unto his disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Simon, Thus, not even 41 one hour could ye watch with me? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit is 42 willing, but the flesh is weak. Again the second time he went to pray, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, 43 thy will be done. And he came again, and found them asleep, because their eyes were heavy with 44 sleep. And he left them, and went to pray the third 45 time, and again he spake the same way. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them. Sleep on now, and take your rest: for behold, the

hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into

the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go hence: he has 46 arrived, he who betrayeth me. And while he yet 47 spake, lo, Juda, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. And 48 Juda, the betrayer, gave them a sign, saying, that he he, take him. to Jesus and 49 said to him, Hail, Master. Jesus, Then they 50 came near and laid their hands on him, and took Jesus. And behold, one of the disciples of Jesus 51 stretched out his hand, and drew a sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and took off his ear.

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again the sword 52 into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Or thinkest thou that I 53 cannot ask of my Father, and he shall give me more than twelve legions of angels? How shall 54 the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? In that hour said Jesus thief have ye come 55 out against me, with swords and staves for to take me? Every day I sat in the temple, teaching, and ye laid no hold on me. But all those things 56 that have happened are that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

Then all his disciples forsook him, and fled. And they had laid hold on him and led him away 57 to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders of the people were assembled. But Simon 58 followed him afar off unto the high priest's court, and went in, . . . with . . . end. . . . witness 59 . . . and found not . . . many false witnesses, 60 and they found not . . . came two oth . . . false . . . and said, This one said, I am able to 61

destroy this temple, and in three days I will build it. 62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Dost thou not give an answer? What do these witness 63 against thee? But Jesus was silent. The high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be 64 the Christ, the Son of God. He said unto him, Thou hast said: I say unto you, Henceforth ye shall see 1 R.V. Bezae, 65 the Son of man further witnesses 68... and others smote him on the cheeks, saying, Prophecy unto us, the Christ, who smote thee? 69 Now Simon sat without in the court: and a damsel drew near unto him, saying to him, Thou also 70 wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied in the presence² of them all, saying, I know not what thou ² Syriao'in the 71 sayest, neither do I understand3. And when he eye. had gone out to the door of the court, another (damsel) saw him, and said unto them, This one was 72 with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied and 73 swore, I know not this man. And after a little while those who stood by came near, and said to Simon, Surely thou also art one of them; for even 74 thy speech is like4. Then began he to curse and to 4 Bezae. swear, I know not this man. And immediately the 75 cock crew. And Simon remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he went out,

And when it dawned, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And they bound him, and led him away, and delivered him to Pilate the governor.

he wept bitterly.

3 Then when Juda, the betrayer, saw that he was

condemned, he repented, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the 4 1 R.V. marg. blood of the righteous. 1 And they say to him, What is that to us? Thou knowest. And he cast down the 5 silver in the temple, and departed, [and] went and hanged himself, and was strangled. And the chief 6 priests took the silver, and said, It is not lawful to put it into the treasury,2 because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought from it the 7 potter's field, for³ a burial-place for strangers. Where- 8 fore it was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by the 9 prophet, who said, I took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, which I was valued at by the children of Israel; and I gave them for 10 the field of the potter, as the Lord commanded me.

> And Jesus stood before the governor: and he 11 asked him, saying unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus said unto him, Thou hast said. And when the chief priests and Pharisees accused 12 him, he gave them no answer. Then said Pilate 13 unto him, Hearest thou not how many witnesses witness against thee? And he gave him no answer; 14 and greatly did the governor wonder. Now at every 15 feast the governor was wont to release unto the people one prisoner, whom they would. And they 16 had a prisoner, a certain notable man, whose name was Jesus Bar-Abba. He had been thrown into prison because of the evil he had done, and because he was a murderer. And when all the Jews were 17 gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Jesus Bar-Abba, or

2 Or, 'amongst Literally, place.

18 Jesus who is called the Christ? For he knew that 19 because of envy they had delivered him unto him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying unto him, Have thou nothing to do with that just man, for I have suffered many things this day in my dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the people that they should ask for Bar-Abba, and destroy

21 Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whom do ye desire that I should release unto you?

22 They say unto him, Bar-Abba. Pilate saith unto them, And what shall I do unto Jesus, who is called

23 the Christ? They all say, Let him be crucified. He said unto them, Why, what evil hath been done by him? Then they cried out more exceedingly, saying,

24 Let him be crucified. And when Pilate saw that he prevailed nothing, but the more the tumult increased, he took water, and washed his hands in the sight of all the multitude, saying, I am innocent of this

25 blood: ye know. And all the people answered, and said, the blood of this man be on us and on our

26 children. Then released he unto them Bar-Abba,

and he scourged Jesus with whips, and delivered him 27 to them to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Prætorium, and

28 gathered the crowd against him. And they clothed

29 him with a robe of purple and of scarlet.¹ And they ¹ Bezae.

plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head,
and they made him hold a reed in his right hand:
and they bent their knees before him, and mocked
30 him, saying, Hail to thee, King of the Jews! And
they spat in his face, and took up the reed, and smote

31 him on the head. And when they had mocked him,

they stripped him of the garments that he was clothed with, and clothed him with his own garments, and led him away, and went to crucify him. they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, whose name was Simon: and they compelled him to bear his cross. And they came to a place which is called 33 Gogultha.1 And they gave him to drink wine2 34 mingled with gall: and he tasted it, and would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they 35 parted his garments,3 casting lots upon them: and 36 they were sitting, and watching there. While they were sitting, they wrote the crime. They set it over 37 his head, Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Then there were crucified with him two male- 38 factors, one on his right hand, and one on his left. And they that passed by blasphemed against him, 39 wagging their heads, and saying, Destroyer of the 40 temple, and builder of it in three days, if thou art the Son of God, save thyself, and come down from the cross. And the chief priests also, like the scribes 41 and Pharisees, were mocking him, and insulting him. and saying, He who saves others, himself he cannot 42 If he be the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he 43 desireth him: for he said, I am the Son of God. And the malefactors also, which were crucified with 44 him, like the rest, insulted him. And from the sixth 45 hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with 46 a loud voice, saying, My God, my God, why hast 'Elei, Elei, thou forsaken me4?

4 Syriaclemana shabac-

tani.1

And some of those people who stood there, when 47

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1 Peshitta. 2 R.V. Bezae.

3 Omit latter half of v. 35. R.V. Bezae.

- 48 they heard it, said, This one calleth on Elia. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and dipped it in vinegar, and tied it to a reed, and stretched
- 49 it out to him to drink. And others said, Let be, let
- 50 us see whether Elia will come and save him. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and his spirit went
- 51 up. And immediately the veil of the sanctuary was 1 R.V. marg. rent from the very top; and the earth did quake, and
- 52 the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the righteous, those which slept,
- 53 arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.
- Now the centurion, and they that were watching Jesus with him, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that happened, feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.
- And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto
- 56 him: Mary Magdalene, and Mary the daughter of James and mother of Joseph, and the mother of the
- 57 children of Zebedee. And when the even was come, there came a certain rich man of Ramatha, named
- 58 Joseph, and he also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate, and asked the body of Jesus; and Pilate
- 59 commanded it to be given to him. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a new
- 60 linen cloth, and laid it in his own new-hewn tomb, which he had hewn for himself in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and
- for they departed. And there was there Mary Magdaforgatione, and the other Mary, sitting over against the 62 sepulchre. Now the next day that followed the day

of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember 63 that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. But command that they watch the sepulchre for three days, that his disciples may not come by night and steal him, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: and the 64 last error be worse than the first.

Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: watch 65 the sepulchre, as ye know. They went and watched 66 his sepulchre, and sealed the stone with the watch.¹

And on the evening of the sabbath, as the first 28 day of the week dawned, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, 2 there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled away the stone, 2 and sat above it. And his appearance 2 was 3 like the lightning, and his raiment like the snow: and for fear of him those who were watching did 4 shake, and became as dead men. The angel answered 5 and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, the Nazarene, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen as he said unto you. 6 Come, see the place where he was laid. Go quickly, 7 and tell his disciples that he is risen; and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there

[vv. 8 and following to the end of this Gospel are lost.]

1 Bezae.

²IR.V. Bezae.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

[vv. 1 to 11 are lost.]

1 The spirit driveth him out into the wilderness.
12 And he was there forty days, tempted of Satan; and
was with the wild beasts; and the angels were
ministering unto him.

And after John was delivered up, Jesus came R.V.

15 into Galilee, and was preaching the gospel of God,

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The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is 16 come: repent ye, and believe his gospel. And as he walked by the shore of the lake of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting their net into

17 the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of

18 men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and

19 followed him. And when he had walked again a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also sitting in the ship

20 mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left Zebedee their father with the hired servants in the ship, and followed him.

And he was teaching on the sabbath in the syna-22 gogue. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught as one that had authority, and not as 23 their scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man who had an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 and said, What have we to do with thee, Jesus of 1 'amazement held

2 R.V.

them all.

Nazareth? thou art come to destroy us. I know thee who thou art, the holy one of God. And 25 Jesus rebuked him, saying, Shut thy mouth, and come out of him. And the unclean spirit threw him 26 down, and when it had cried with a loud voice, it came out of him. And they were all amazed,1 and 27 were saying one to another, What is this new teaching²? he hath authority, and commandeth the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. And his 28 fame went abroad through all the region of Galilee, and many followed him. And he came out of the 29 synagogue, and they came to the house of Simon Cepha and Andrew: and James and John were with him. And Simon's wife's mother was sick of a fever, 30 and they tell him of her. And he came near, and 31 took her, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she arose and ministered unto them. And when the sun did set, they brought all 32 that were sick with sore diseases, and all the city 33 were gathered together at his door. And he healed 34

8 Bezae.

And very early in the morning he went out, and 35 departed into a desert place, and there he prayed. And Simon and they that were with him sought him. 36 And when they had found him, they said unto him, 37 Many men seek thee. He said unto them, Up! Let 38 us go into the nearest villages³ and towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore I am come. And he 39 preached in all the synagogues of Galilee, and cast out demons. And there came to him a certain 40; leper, and besought him, and fell at his feet, and said unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me

many, and cast out many demons, and suffered them

not to speak, because they knew him.

41 clean. And Jesus had compassion on him, put out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, I will; be thou clean. ¹And in that hour he became clean. ¹Omit part of v. 42. 43 And he straitly charged him, and saith, See thou

[i. 44 to ii. 20 is lost.]

2 ..., a new patch on a worn-out garment: else 21 the new filling-up draws away the weakness of the worn-out one, and the rent becomes worse than 22 before. And no man putteth new wine into wornout wine-skins: else the wine2 doth burst the 2 R.V. wine-skins, and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins perish: but they put new wine into new wine-23 skins. And it came to pass, that he walked on the sabbath-day and amongst were 24 ears The Pharisees say unto him, Why to on the sabbath-day that which is not 26 into the house of God, 3 and did eat the show-bread, 3 Bezae. which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and 27 gave also to them which were with him? And he said unto them. The sabbath was created for man. 28 Therefore the Lord of the sabbath is the Son of man. And he entered again into the synagogue; and 2 there was a man his hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; 3 that they might accuse him. He saith unto the man to whose hand was withered, Stand up in the midst. 5.... being grieved about the deadness4 of their 4 Bezae. hearts, and he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it out: and it was restored 6 like its fellow. And straightway the Pharisees went forth with those of the house of Herod, and 7 took counsel how they might destroy him. And

1 Bezae.

Jesus went with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee,1 and from Judæa, and from 8 Jerusalem, and from beyond Jordan, and from Tyre, 2 R.v. marg. and from Sidon, who had heard everything2 that he did, came unto him. And he spake to his disciples, 9 that they should bring a ship to him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. For he had 10 healed many; and many were pressing . . . him, and those that had plagues of unclean spirits 11 upon them fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. And he charged them 12 much that they should not make him known.

> And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth 13 unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he chose twelve of them, that they should be 14 with him, and that he might send them to preach, 15 and to have power to heal the sick and to cast out demons. And he called Simon Cepha; and James 16 the son of Zebedee, and John his brother: he called them Beni-Ragshi; and Andrew and Philip, and 18 Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Halfai, and Thaddai, and Simon the Zealot, and Juda Iscariot, the betrayer.

And they went into the house. And the multitude came again to him, so that they could not 20 bread. said, can Satan 23 cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided 24 against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a 25 house be divided against itself, that house Satan . . . against himself, he cannot stand, 26 which they blaspheme shall be forgiven . . . all 29 who shall blaspheme eternal For 30 they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 ... his mother, ... sent ... sat 35 thy mother . . . without. 4 And he taught them many things 3 and while he was speaking Behold, there went 4 out a sower to sow: and as he sowed, some fell by Bezae. the wayside, and the fowls2 came and devoured it. 2 R.V. 5 And some fell on the rock, and sprouted, and because 6 there was no depth of earth below its root, . . . the 7 sun was and it withered. And some fell to among thorns, yielded no He that 11... ears ... And he said ... Unto you he hath given the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all things are done in 12 parables. That seeing they may see, and . . . not perceive; lest they should repent, . . . to them 13 their sins. And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? $^{14}_{15}$ The sower the word they by the wayside, they who hear the word they have heard 16.... and taketh away they word receive it

[vv. 17 to 41 are lost.]

41 obey him?

5 And he came over unto the other side of the sea,
2 into the country of Gergesenes. And when he was
come up out of the ship, there met him a certain man
3 who had an unclean spirit, which [spirit] dwelt among
the tombs; and no man could bind him with chains,
4 because he had broken many fetters and chains, and
5 escaped, and no man could tame him. And always,
night and day, he was crying in the tombs, and in
the mountains, and wounding himself with stones.³ R.V.

And when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and wor- 6 shipped him, and cried with a loud voice, and said, 7 What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come, thou 8 unclean spirit, out of the man. And he asked him, What is thy name? and he said unto him, Our name 9 is Legion: for we are many. And these demons 10 besought him that he would not send them out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the 11 mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And these 12 demons besought him, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And he gave them leave. 13 And when the unclean spirits went out they entered into the swine: and the herd ran, and fell into the sea, about two thousand, and they were choked in the sea. And they that fed them2 fled, and told it in 14 the cities, and in the villages. And they went out to see what had come to pass. And they came to 15 and saw him was they to to him dismiss him his disciples in the 18 ship, he that had had the demon prayed him that he might be with him. And he3 suffered him not, but 19 said unto him, Go home to thy people, and shew them what the Lord hath done unto thee, and hath had mercy on thee. And he went, and began to preach 20 in Decapolis what Jesus had done unto him: and they all did marvel.

And when Jesus had crossed over again unto the 21 other side, a great multitude gathered unto him on the shore of the sea. And there cometh one of the 22 rulers of the synagogue, whose name was Joaras; when he saw him, he fell at his feet, and besought 23

1 R.V.

² R.V. Bezae.

3 R.V.

him, saying unto him, My daughter is very sick, Bezae. come and lay thy hands on her, and she shall live.

24 And he went with him, and a great multitude

25 followed him, and thronged him. And a certain

26 woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and nothing

[v. 27 to vi. 5 is lost.]

6 ... there none of the mighty works, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and they were 6 healed. And he marvelled at their want of faith.

And he went round about the villages, and
7 taught; and called the twelve disciples,² and sent ² Bezae.
them by two and two, and gave them power over
8 unclean spirits, and commanded them that they
should take nothing for the way, save a staff only:
9 no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse:³ but be ³ MS. 'your
10 shod with sandals, and not put on two coats. Into
whatsoever house ye enter, there be until ye depart
11 from thence. And whosoever shall not receive you,
nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the
dust of your feet for a testimony unto them.⁴

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Bezae.

12 And they went out, and preached that they

12 And they went out, and preached that they
13 should repent. And they cast out many demons,
and anointed many with oil, and healed the sick.
14 And Herod the king heard, (for his fame was wellknown [unto him]:) and he said, He is John the
Baptist; he is risen from the dead, therefore great
15 is his power. And others said, He is Elia. Others

15 is his power. And others said, He is Elia. Others
16 said, He is a prophet, like one of the prophets. But when Herod heard it, he said, This is John, he
17 whose head I cut off, he is risen. For Herod had FR.V. Bezae.

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sent and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodia's sake, his brother Philip's wife, for he had married her. For John had said unto 18 Herod. It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Then Herodia had threatened him, and would 19 have killed him, but she could not. For Herod feared 20 John; for he knew that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him: and many things that he heard from him he did, and heard him gladly. And 21 it happened that on Herod's birthday he made a supper to his lords, and chiliarchs, and the chiefs of Galilee: and the daughter of Herodia came in and 22 danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, and the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me, and I will give thee, even unto the half of my king- 23 dom. And he swore unto her with an oath. And 24 the damsel went forth, and took counsel with her mother, What shall I ask? She said unto her, The head of John the Baptist. And she went in at 25 once to the king, and said unto him, I will that thou give me immediately the head of John the Baptist in a charger. And the king was exceeding 26 sorry, but for the oath's sake, and for their sakes that sat at meat,2 he could not change. And he sent 27 an executioner, that he should cut off his head and bring it: and he went and cut off his head in the prison, and he brought it in a charger, and gave it 28 to the damsel, and the damsel carried it to her mother. And when his disciples heard of it, they 29 came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

2 Or 'reclined.'

3 MS, 'he.'

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they³ had done and taught.

And he said unto them, Come, let us go into the 31

And the apostles came unto Jesus, and told him what 30

desert apart, and rest a little. There were many going and coming to him, and they had no place not even 32 to eat bread. And they departed into a desert place 33 by ship alone. And many saw them, and knew them, and followed him by land, 1 from all the cities. And 1 R.V. marg. 34 when they came, 2 and he2 saw the great multitude, he 2 R.V. had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them. 35 And when it began to be evening, his disciples came near, saying unto him, This is a desert place, and the 36 time is passed. Send away these people, that they may go into the villages that are round about, and buy 37 themselves something to eat.3 He said unto them, 3 R.V. Bezae, Give ye them to eat. They say unto him, Shall we go and buy a hundred pennyworth of bread, and 38 give them to eat? He saith unto them, Go, see how many loaves ye have. They say unto him, Five 39 loaves and two fishes. And he commanded them all 40 to sit down on the grass. And they sat down by

these five loaves and two fishes, and looked to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes 42 they divided among them all. And they did all eat, 43 and were filled. And they took up from before them the fragments, twelve baskets full, the remains of 44 those five loaves and of those two fishes. And they

41 companies, by hundreds, and by fifties. And he took

that did eat of them were five thousand men.

45 And straightway he commanded his disciples to go up into the ship, and to go before him unto Beth46 saida, while he sent away that multitude. And when he had sent them away, he went to a mountain 47 to pray. But when it was evening, and the ship

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was in the midst of the sea, he1 was alone on the was alone, land. And when he saw them tormented with the 48 fear of the waves, for the wind was against them, he cometh to them walking on the waters, and would have passed by them. When they saw him walking 49 upon the waters, they thought that he was a demon. And when they saw him, they all cried out; and imme- 50 diately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good courage, it is I, be not afraid. And he 51 went up unto them into the ship, and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves2; for they understood not about the bread, because 52 their heart was blinded. And when they had passed 53 over, they came up to the land of Gennesar. And 54 when he was come up out of the ship, in the hour that they knew him, they ran to the whole region, and 55 brought those that were sick, carrying them on beds. And wheresoever Jesus entered, into cities, or villages, 56 or fields and streets, they placed the beds of the sick, and besought him that they might touch, if it were but the border of his garment: and all who touched him were made whole. And Pharisees and scribes which came from 7

Jerusalem, came together unto him. And they saw 2 his disciples eating bread when they had not washed their hands. For all the Jews and Pharisees, unless 3 they wash their hands, eat not bread,3 holding the 4 when they tradition of the elders. And4 from the market, 4 except they wash, they eat not. And they keep many things which they have received, and the washing of cups and vessels. And after these things 5 the scribes and Pharisees asked him, saying unto

him, Why do not thy disciples keep the command-

3 Bezae. come is understood. ments of the ancients, for they wash not their hands 6 and they eat bread? Jesus said unto them, Well hath Isaia the prophet prophesied of you, as it is written that he said, This people honoureth me with its 7 lips, but with its heart it is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, who teach for doctrines the

9 commandments of men. ¹Ye do well, who forsake the ¹Omit v. 8. commandments of God, that ye may establish your 10 commandments. For Moses said, Honourthy father and thy mother: and whose curseth his father or his mother,

11 let him die the death. But ye say, that if he shall say to his father and his mother, It is Corban, wherewith 12 thou mightest be profited by me: and ye suffer him 13 not to honour his father or his mother: and ye reject the word of God because of your commandments.

And many such like things do ye. And he called all the multitude, and said unto them, 15 Hearken, all of you, and obey. There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him, can defile him: but what comes out of a man, this is 16 what defiles the man. Who hath ears to hear, let 17 him hear. And when he was entered into the house from the multitude, his disciples asked him concern-18 ing the parable. And he saith unto them, Are ye vet so stubborn? Do ye not understand anything? that not everything which entereth into a man defileth 19 him, because it entereth not into his heart, but into 20 the belly, and is cast out, and all meat is purged. But that which cometh out of the man, that defileth the 21 man. For out of the heart proceed the evil thoughts 22 of man, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, deceits, wickedness, frauds, lasciviousness, an evil eye, 23 blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things

coming out from within, and defiling the man. And 24 1 R.V. marg. he arose, and went to the borders of Tyre, 1 and when he had entered into a house, he would have no man know him, but he could not be hid. And when a 25 woman heard it, whose daughter had an unclean spirit, she came and fell down before him. This woman 26 was a widow, from the borders of Tyre of Phœnicia, and she besought him that he would cast forth the spirit out of her daughter. He said unto her, 27 First let the children be filled: it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to the dogs. The 28 woman saith unto him, Lord, even the dogs eat of the crumbs which are over from the children's table. He said unto her, For this saying go thy way, be-29 hold, the demon is gone out of thy daughter. And 30 when she went to her house, she found her daughter from her, and lying upon the bed. And 31 again from the borders Sidon, he came to the lake of Galilee, amidst the borders of Decapolis. a certain deaf stammerer, and they beseech 32 him that he would lay on him. from 33 the multitude, and put . . . into his ears And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said unto 34 him. Be opened. . . . the string of his tongue, and 35 he spake plain. And he commanded them that they 36 should no man: and as much a great deal more they proclaimed it, were greatly 37 astonished, saying, . . . all things well: . . . he maketh the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

3 R.V. Bezae. In those days when there was a 8 great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, he² called his disciples, and saith unto them, I have compassion on this multitude, for behold, three days they

3	continue with me, and have nothing to eat: and if
	I send them away fasting to their home, they will
	faint in the way: and some of them are come from
4	far. His disciples said unto him, Whence art thou
	able to satisfy them with bread here in the wilder-
5	ness? And he asked them and said to them, How
	many loaves have ye? They said unto him, Seven.
6	And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the
	ground: and he took those seven loaves, and blessed,
	and brake, and gave to his disciples, that they should
	set before them: and they set before the multitude.
7	And there were a few fishes: and when he had
	blessed them also, he told them to set before them.
8	And they did eat, and were filled: and they took up
	what remained over of the crumbs seven baskets.
9	The people that ate were about four thousand, and
10	he sent them away. And he went up and sat in the
	boat with his disciples, and they came into the
11	hill of Magdan. And the Pharisees went out, and
	began seeking from him, and asking of him a sign
12	from heaven, tempting him. And he was troubled
	in spirit, and saith, Why do this generation seek a 1 Or 'tribe.'
	sign? verily I say unto you, there shall no sign be
13	given unto this generation. And he left them again,
	and sat in the ship, and went to the other side of
	the lake. And they forgot bread, with
15	them in the ship. And he commanded them, saying,
to	beware of of Herod
	ye and do ye not remember?
19	Those five loaves which the five thousand ate of, and
00	how many baskets full of fragments unto
	him
22	and they bring to him a blind man

besought on	his eyes, and	asked him	1 23
his hand			to
neither go th	ou into the tow	vn.	26

And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the 27 towns of Cesarea Philippi: and he asked his disciples by the way, saying unto them, What do men say about me, that I am? They say unto him, Some say, 28 He is John the Baptist: and others say, Elia: and others, One of the prophets. He saith unto them, And 29 ye, whom say ye that I am? Cepha saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they 30 should tell no man of him. And he began to teach 31 them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall rise. And he was speaking the saving openly. 32 Then Simon Cepha, as though he pitied him, said to him, Be it far from thee. And when he had turned, 33 he looked on his disciples, and he rebuked Cepha, and said, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou carest not for God, but for man.

And he called the multitude with his disciples, 34 and said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and come. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, 35 and whosoever shall lose his life for my gospel's sake shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if 36 he shall inherit the whole world, and lose his soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me, and of my 38 words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

¹ Bezae.

dead?

He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the king-2 dom of God coming with power. And after six days, Jesus taketh Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. 3 And he became shining, and his raiment became 4 white like snow: and there appeared unto them 5 Moses and Elia talking with him. Cepha answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good that we are here, and we may make three tabernacles; one 6 for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elia. And he wist not what he was saying, for fear had fallen 7 upon him. And a cloud overshadowed him: and a voice came out of the cloud, This is my Son, 8 who is beloved: hear him. And suddenly again when his disciples looked, no man appeared to them, save Jesus only. As they went down from the moun-9 tain, he charged them that they should tell no 1 MS. makes a full stop man what they had seen, except when the Son of 10 man was risen from the dead. And they kept the saying with themselves, meditating and saying, What

11 And they asked him, saying, The scribes say 12 that Elia cometh first. He answered and said unto them, Elia cometh first, that he may restore every thing; and how it is written of the Son of man,

is this word that he said? When he is risen from the

13 must he not suffer much, and be crucified? But I say unto you, That Elia is2 come, and they have done 2 R.V. unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of

14 him. When he ca he saw about them

many and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway were amazed, and ran and 15 saluted him. And he asked them, What question ye 16 with them? And one of the multitude answered 17 and said, I have brought He answered 19 to them, O faithless generation, how long, till when shall I be with you and suffer you? Bring thy son to me. And he brought him unto him: 20 and when he saw him, the spirit threw him down straightway, and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked from He said 21 unto him, Behold, from his childhood. And it hath 22 thrown him often into the fire, and into the water, to destroy him: but as much as thou canst do, Lord, help me, and have compassion on me. Jesus said 23 unto him, If thou believest, all things can happen unto thee. And straightway the father of the child 24 cried out,1 and said, I believe, Lord, help my want. When Jesus saw that the people were coming and 25 running, he rebuked the spirit, and said unto it, I charge thee, thou deaf and dumb spirit, come out of him, and enter not again into him. And it cried, 26 and vexed him greatly, and came out of him, and he was like one dead, and many thought that he was dead. But Jesus took him by his hand, and 27 raised him up, and delivered him to his father. And when he was come into the house, his disciples 28 asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? He said unto them, This kind cometh out by 29 nothing but by fasting and prayer.

And when they had gone forth from thence, they 30 passed through Galilee, and he would not that any man should know it. And he taught his disciples, 31

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saying to them, The Son of man shall be delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him, and when they have killed him, on the third day he shall 32 rise. And they understood not what he said unto 33 them, and were afraid to ask him. And he came to Capernaum; and when he had entered into the house, he asked them, What were ye speaking about one to 34 another on the way? But they held their peace: for they had reasoned about who should be greatest. 35 And he sat down, and called his twelve, and said unto them, Whosoever desires to be first, shall be 36 last of all men, and servant of all men. And he took a certain child, and set him in the midst of 37 them: and looked at him, and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive a child like this in my name, receiveth me1: he receiveth not me, but him that 1 A line has been dropped 38 sent me. John answered and said unto him, Our here. Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name, and we forbade him, because he followed not us 39 But he2 said unto them, Forbid him not, for there 2 Bezae. is no man who does anything in my name, and is 40 able to speak evil of me. For he who is not against 41 us is with us. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in the name that ye are the Christ's,

stone of an ass3 were cast about his neck, and he 3 R.V. marg. 43 were drowned in the sea. If therefore thy hand cause thee to offend, cut it off from thee: for it is better for thee that having one hand thou shouldst enter into life, and not that having two hands thou

verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. 42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe on me, it were better for him if a mill-

45 shouldst go into the unquenchable fire: 4and if thy 40mit v. 44.

foot cause thee to offend, cut it off: cast it from thee: for it is better for thee that being halt thou shouldst enter into life, and not that having two feet thou ¹ Omit v. 46. shouldst go into Gehenna. ¹If thine eye cause thee 47 to offend, pluck it out from thee: for it is better for thee that having one eye thou shouldst enter into the kingdom of God, and not that having two eyes thou shouldst go into Gehenna: where their 48 worm dieth not, and their fire is not quenched. For 49 every one shall be salted with fire.2 Salt is good: 50 but if the salt is seasonless, wherewith will we season it? Have salt3, and be at peace one with another.

3 Or 'let there be salt with you.

4 Bezae.

5 Bezae.

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came together again unto him. As he was wont, he healed and taught them. And4 they asked him, 2 tempting him, Is it lawful for a man to leave his wife? And he answered and said unto them. What 3 did Moses command you? They said unto him, 4 Moses suffered us to write a bill of divorcement, and give⁵ it to her, and to put her away. Jesus answered 5 and said unto them. Moses, because of the hardness of your heart allowed you this precept. But from 6 the beginning God and female For this 7 6 R.V. marg. cause shall a man leave his father and his mother,6 and they twain shall be one flesh: thenceforth 8 they are not twain, but one flesh. What therefore 9 God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And when he had entered into the house, his disci- 10

> ples asked him again about this. He said unto them, 11 Any woman who shall leave her husband, and be married to another, committeth adultery. And any 12

> And he arose from thence, and came into the 10 borders of Judæa beyond Jordan: and a multitude

man who shall leave his wife, and marry another, 13 committeth adultery. And they brought young children to him, that he should lay his hands on them, and his disciples rebuked those that brought

14 them. When Jesus saw it, he was displeased, and rebuked them, and said unto them, Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for those who

I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And he called them, and laid his hands on them, Bezae. and blessed them.

7 As he journeyed in the way, one ran, and fell on his knees, and said to him, Good Teacher, what shall

18 I do that I may inherit eternal life? Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is no

19 one good but one, God. But thou knowest the commandments, Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness. Honour thy

20 father and thy mother. He answered and said unto him, Teacher, all these things have I observed, lo,

21 from my youth. . . . beholding him, . . . and said unto him, One . . . to thee, go, sell all that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and take up thy cross, and follow 22 me. And he was grieved about this saying, and

23 went away for he had great riches. And Jesus looked at his disciples, and said, How hard it is for them who trust in their riches to enter into the

24 kingdom of God! And his disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard it is for them who trust in their riches to enter into the kingdom of

God! For it is easier for a camel to enter into the eye 25 of a needle, than for a rich man into the kingdom of heaven. And they were the more astonished 26 among themselves. Who then can be saved? Jesus 27 looked upon them and said, With men this is impossible, except with God: for with God everything is possible. Cepha said unto him, Lo, we have left 28 all, and followed thee. Jesus answered and said, 29 Verily I say unto you, that every man who hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake and my gospel's, but 30 he shall receive an hundredfold in this time, houses. and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come he shall inherit eternal life. For many are first 31 that shall be last: and last that shall be first.

And while they were going up in the way to 32 Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them, those who were with him were amazed, being afraid. And he took his twelve, and began to tell them what should happen unto him, Behold, we go up to Jeru-33 salem, and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes: and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the people. And they shall mock him, and shall scourge 34 him, and shall spit in his face, and shall kill him, and on the third day he shall rise.

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come 35 unto him, saying unto him, Master, we wish that whatsoever we shall ask thee thou wilt do for us. He said unto them, What would ye that I should do 36 for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we 37 may sit on thy right hand, and on thy left hand, in

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38 thy glory. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that

39 I drink of? or be baptized with the baptism? They say unto him, We are able. Jesus said unto them, Ye may be able to drink of the cup that I drink of: and ye may be able to be baptized with the baptism

40 that I am baptized with: But to sit on my right hand or on my left hand, this is not mine to give,

41 but for others1 it is prepared. And when the ten 1 Bezae. heard it, they began to be displeased with James and

42 John. And he called them, and said unto them, Ye

43 know that the chiefs of the nations are their lords. Let it not be so among you: but whosoever will be

44 great among you, let him be your minister: and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, let him be servant

45 of all men. Like as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

And he came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho, he and his disciples, and a great multitude, Timai Bar-Timai, a blind man, sat on the

47 highway and begged. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say,

48 Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: and again he cried the more, Son of David, have mercy

49 on me. And Jesus stood still, and said that they should bring him near; and he called the blind man, and they said unto him, Fear not, rise, he calleth thee.

50 And he rose, and took up his garment, and came to

51 Jesus. Jesus answered and said unto him. What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind

52 man said unto him, Lord, that I may see. Jesus Bezae.

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said unto him, Go, thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately his eyes were opened, and he followed him in the way.

And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto 11 Bethphage, unto Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth two of his disciples, and saith, Go into the 2 village over against you, and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man rode, loose him, and bring him. And if 3 any man say anything unto you, say unto him, The Lord hath need of him, and straightway he will send him hither. And they went, and found the 4 colt tied at the door of a court in the street. And as they loosed him, certain of them that stood 5 there said, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they 6 said unto them even as Jesus had said unto them. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their 7 garments on it, and made him ride upon it.

And many spread their garments in the way: and 8 they that went before him, and they that followed him, 9 cried, saying, Osanna, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the kingdom that 10 cometh of our father David¹: peace in the highest. And they entered into Jerusalem, and he entered 11 into the temple, and saw all things; and when the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve. And on the morrow, when he went 12 out from Bethany, he was hungry. And he saw a 13 certain fig tree afar off, having leaves, and he came to it, if haply he might find anything thereon, and he came, but found nothing but leaves: it was not the time of figs. He² answered and said unto it, 14 Henceforth and for ever let no man eat of thy

1 R.V. Bezae.

² R.V. Bezae.

15 fruit. And his disciples heard it. And when he was come to Jerusalem, and had entered into the temple of God, he began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and the tables of the money changers, and the tables of them that sold 16 doves, and would not suffer any man to carry a 17 vessel within the temple. And he taught, and said. Is it not written thus, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations? but ye have made it a

18 den of thieves. And the chief priests and the scribes 1 R.V. Bezae. heard it, and sought how they might destroy him:

for they feared him, for all the people were amazed 19 at his doctrine. And when even came, he went

20 out of the city. And when they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree dried up from its

21 root. And when Cepha remembered, he said unto him, Master, the fig tree which thou cursedst is dried

22 up. Jesus answered and said unto them, If ye have

23 faith in God,2 verily I say unto you, that if ye shall 2 Or, the say to this mountain, Be thou removed, and cast into God. the sea; and shall not doubt in his mind, but shall believe that the thing which he saith shall come to 24 pass, it shall come to pass. Therefore I say unto

you, What things soever ye pray for, believing that 25 ve shall receive them, ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any man: that your Father also which is in

heaven may forgive you your sins.

³And he came again to Jerusalem, and he was ³ Omit v. 26 R.V. walking in the temple, and there came to him the chief 28 priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and say unto

him, By what authority doest thou these things?

29 and who gave thee this authority? Jesus answered

and said unto them, I will also ask of you one word, which ye shall answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism 30 of John, was it from heaven, or of men? Tell me. And they considered, and said, If we shall say, From 31 heaven, he will say unto1 us, Why did ye not believe him? And if we shall say, Of men, they feared the 32 people: for they all held John, that he was a prophet.2 They said unto him, We do not know. Jesus 33 answered and said unto them. Neither do I tell you

by what authority I do these things.

And he began to speak in parables. A man³ 12 planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a wine-press in it, and built a tower in it, and

let it out to husbandmen, and went abroad.4 And 2 he sent his servant at the season of fruit to the husbandmen, that they might send to him of the fruit of the vineyard. And they took him, and beat him, and 3

sent him away empty. 5And again he sent to them 5 another servant; and him also they killed: and many others; they beat some, and they killed some. He had 6 one beloved son, he sent him to them, and said, Perhaps they will reverence my son. But those husband- 7 men said among themselves, This is his son, his heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out 8 of the vineyard. When the lord of the vineyard cometh. 9 what will he do? he will destroy these husbandmen, and will give his vineyard to others. And have ye 10 not read the scripture: The stone which the builders

rejected is become the head of the corner: this was 11 from the Lord, and it is a marvel in our eyes? And 12 they sought to lay hold on him, and they feared the

1 Bezae.

2 R.V.

3 R.V. Bezae.

4 Bezae.

5 Omit v. 4.

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people, for they understood that he had spoken this parable against them: and they left him, and went 13 their way. And they sent unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the house of Herod, that they might 14 catch him in his word. And they began to say unto him, deceitfully, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the face of man, but teachest the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, or shall we not 15 give? And he knowing their craftiness, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I 16 may see it. And they brought it to him. He saith unto them, Whose is this image and inscription? 17 They say unto him, Cæsar's. Jesus answered and said, Render the things that are Cæsar's to Cæsar, and the things that are God's to God. And they 18 marvelled at him.

And the Sadducees came unto him, those which

19 say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying, Teacher, Moses wrote unto us that when . . . die,
. . . . thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second which is like it, Thou shalt love
thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other com32 mandment greater than these. The scribe said unto
him, Well, Master, thou hast spoken with truth¹: for ¹ Bezae.

33 there is one God, and there is none other but he. And
that a man should love him from all his heart,² and ² Bezae.
from all his soul, and from all his strength, and that
he should love his neighbour as himself, is more than
34 all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. When Jesus
saw that he returned him an answer well, he answered³ ³ Bezae.
and said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom
of God. And no man durst question him again.

Jesus said while he taught in the temple, How 35 say the scribes that the Christ is the Son of David? and David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The 36 Lord said unto my Lord, Sit on my right hand, until ¹ R.V. marg I place thine enemies beneath thy feet. ¹ And if 37

Bezae.

Literally, David call him² Lord, how was he his son? And all

3 In the Stoae.

the multitude heard him gladly. And he said while 38 he was teaching, Keep yourselves from the scribes, who love to walk in the porches,3 and love greetings in the market-places, and the chief seats in the syna- 39 gogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: and 40 devour widows' houses, and who for a pretence lengthen their prayers: these shall receive greater condemnation.

And while Jesus stood over against the treasury, 41 he beheld many who cast money into the treasury: and many of the rich who cast in much. And there 42 came a certain poor widow, she threw in two mites, which make two farthings, which make an eighth. Jesus called his disciples and said unto them, 43 unto you poor widow hath cast in more than all men into the treasury: for all men have cast in 44 from what was superfluous to them; but she hath cast in all that she had.

And as Jesus went forth out of the temple, one 13 of his disciples said unto him, Master, behold, see the stones and the great building. Jesus said unto 2 him, See that building? there shall not be left here4 stone upon stone that shall not be thrown down.

Bezae. And as he sat on the mount of Olives, over 3

against the temple, Cepha, and James, and John and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us when these 4 things shall be, and what is the sign with which

4 R.V.

6 them, See that no man lead you astray. For many shall come in my name, and shall say, I am he1; and 1 R.V. 7 shall lead many astray. But when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be not afraid: for it is 8 about to be, but the end till now is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, famines and tumults: these things are the 9 beginning of travail. 2And they shall deliver you up 2 Bezae. to the people, and to councils; and ye shall stand to before kings, and ye shall be beaten before governors for my sake, for a testimony to them and to all 11 nations for But when they shall bring you nigh to deliver you up, not what ye shall speak3: but what shall be given you in that hour, 3 R.V. Bezae. that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the 12 Holy Ghost. For the brother shall deliver his brother to death, and the father his son; and the children shall rise up against the parents, and shall 13 cause them to be put to death. And all men shall hate you for my name's sake. Whosoever 14 shall endure to the end, he shall be saved. When ye see the sign of the abomination of desolation standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth 15 understand), then they that are in Judæa, let them flee to the mountain: and he that is on the housetop, let him not come down into the house, and let 16 him not enter to take anything from his house: and he that is in the field, let him not return back to 17 take his clothes. But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 18 And pray ye that it be not in the winter. For there Bezae

shall be tribulation in those days, such as there hath not been the like of it, since the days when God created the world until this day, and never again shall be. And except these days had been shortened, 20 no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he chose, the days are shortened. And 21 then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ; lo, he is there; believe it not: for there shall 22 arise false Christs, and prophets of lies, and shall give signs and wonders, so that, if possible, they may lead astray even the elect. But look ye, I have fore- 23 told you all things. But in those days, after that 24 tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not shew her light, and the stars shall fall from1 25 heaven, the powers of heaven And 26 then shall they see the Son of man coming on the clouds with great power and with glory. And then 27 shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. Now 28 learn a parable from the fig tree: When her branches are tender, and put forth her leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so also ye, when ye shall see these 29 things come to pass, know that it is nigh, at the doors. Verily I say unto you, that this generation2 30 shall not pass, till all these things shall be.3 Heaven 31 and earth shall pass away: and my words shall not pass away. But of that day and of that hour knoweth 32 no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, nor even the Son, but the Father. Watch ye then 33 and pray: for ye know not the time. For like4 34 as a man who took a journey, and left his house,

2 Or 'tribe.'

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4 R.V.

giving to his servants, to every man his work,

35 and commanded the porter to watch: watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the

36 house cometh, if at even, or at mid [night], or at the dawn, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he

37 find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all of you, Watch.

Two days before there was the unleavened bread 14 of the passover the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put 2 him to death. For they said, Not on the feast-3 day, lest there be an uproar of the people. And being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a certain woman, carrying an alabaster box of spikenard, very pure1 and of 1 Syriac great price; and she broke it, and poured it on his πιστικός. 4 head. And there were some that had indignation

5 within themselves, and said, Why for this

might have been sold for three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured

6 against her in their teeth. Then said Jesus unto them, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? for she

7 hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may deal with them: but I am not with you always.

8 For that which she hath done, behold, as if for my burying she hath done it, and hath anointed my

9 body beforehand. Verily I say unto you, That when the gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, there will be a memorial of what she hath done.

And Juda Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto 11 the chief priests, so that he might betray him. And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to

give him silver. And he sought for a way in which he might betray him. On the first day of unleavened 12 bread, when they the passover, his disciples

said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the p.... r? two 13 and saith unto them, Go ye into the city; lo, there shall meet you a certain man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him whithersoever he shall 14 go in. And say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, My time is come. Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And behold, he will shew you a large 15 upper room, strewn, and prepared: there And 16 his disciples went as . . . and came to the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And when it was evening he 17 cometh with his twelve. And as they sat and did 18 eat, Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you which eateth with me, he shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to 19 say unto him one by one, Not I, surely1? And2 he said 20 unto them, One of the twelve who stretcheth out his hand with me in the dish. And the Son of man 21 goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for him if he had not been born. and as they did 22 eat, bread, brake, gave to his disciples, and said unto them, Take,3 this is my body. And he took the cup, and blessed it, and gave to 23 them: and they drank of it. And he said unto 24 them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink 25

1 R.V. 2 R.V. Bezae.

3 R.V. Bezae.

no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that

I drink it with you anew in the kingdom of God. 26 And they sung praises, and went out to the mount 27 of Olives. Jesus saith unto them, All ve shall be offended because of me; for it is written. I will smite 28 the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But when I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. 29 Cepha answered and said unto him. If all shall be 30 offended, I will not. Jesus saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, that this day, in this night, the cock shall not crow twice, until thou shalt deny 31 me thrice. And Simon spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee. 1 1 R.V. 32 Likewise also said they all. And they came to a place which was called Gedsemane: and he saith to 33 his disciples, Sit ye here, until I pray.² And he ² Bezae. took C[epha], and James and John, and began to be 34 very sad, and sore troubled, and he saith unto them, 35 My soul is sorrowful, even unto death. And he went away a little, and fell on his face3 on the ground, 3 Bezae. and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might 36 pass from him. And he said, My Father, all things are possible in thy hands; let this cup pass from 37 me: but not my will be done, but thine. And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Cepha, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest thou not 38 watch one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit is willing, but the body 39 is weak. And he went away again, and prayed, say-40 ing the same word. And he came and found them again sleeping, for their eyes were carrying sleep, and they wist not what they should say unto him. 41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them. Sleep, and take your rest: the hour is come, the end

¹ Bezae.

² Bezae.

3 Bezae.

is at hand; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Arise, let us be going: behold, he 42 that betrayeth me is at hand. And while he yet 43 spake, cometh Juda, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude, carrying swords and staves, from the chief priests and scribes and elders. And he that 44 betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, He whom I shall kiss, that is he; take him cautiously, and lead him away. And straightway he cometh to him, say- 45 ing unto him, Rabbi; and kisseth him. And they laid 46 hands on him, and took him. But one of those that 47 stood by drew a sword, and smote the servant of the high priest, and took² off his ear. Jesus answered 48 and said unto them, As against a thief are ye come out with swords and staves to seize me? I was daily 49 with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but that the scripture might3 be fulfilled. And 50 all his disciples left him, and fled. And a certain 51 young man came, wrapped and 52 they laid hold on him; left the garment in their hands, to the chief priests: all 53 the people were And Cepha followed them 54 afar off, as far as the house of the high priest: and he was sitting with fire. and all 55 were seeking witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found it not. . . . false he 56 saying, We heard him say, I will destroy the temple 58 that is made with hands, and in three days I will make another not made with hands. And not even 59

4 Bezae.

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so did their witness agree. And the high priest 60 stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying unto him, Dost thou not return an answer? What do these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and 61

replied nothing. And again the high priest asked him the second time, saying unto him, Art thou the

62 Christ, the Son of the Blessed? Jesus answered and said unto him, I am: ye shall see the Son of Bezae. man sitting on the right hand of power, and when

63 he comes on the clouds of heaven. And then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What there-

64 fore? For behold, ye all have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be

65 guilty of death. And some began to spit on him, and to b saying, Prophecy unto us now: and the servants did strike him on the cheek.

66 Cepha in the court of the high priest, a certain maid servant of the high priest saw him as he

67 was warming himself, and said unto him, And thou

68 also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou

69 sayest. And he went out to the outer² court; and³ R.V. marg. Bezae. the maid saw him again, and began to say to them that ³ R.V. marg.

70 stood by, This also⁴ is one of them. And he denied ⁴ Bezae. it again. And again, ⁵ a little after, they that stood ⁵ R.V. marg. by said to Cepha, Surely thou art one of them: for

71 thou art a Galilean.6 And he cursed and swore, I 6 R.V. Bezae

72 know not this man you And the cock crew the second time. And Cepha called to mind the word that Jesus had said unto him, The cock not crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he began to weep.

7 R.V. marg. Bezae.

And in the morning the chief priests held a consultation, and the elders and scribes, and all the people, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? He answered and said

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1 R.V.

And the soldiers . . . into Prætorium; . . . 16 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a 17 crown of thorns, and put it on him.1 And they 18 began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! And 19 they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit in his face, and fell on their knees, and worshipped him. And when they had mocked 20 they stripped him of his purple robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And they compelled Simon a Cyrenian man, who 21 passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And they 22 bring him unto the place which is called Gogoltha, which is, interpreted, a skull. And they gave him 23 wine sweetened with spice: but he received it not. And they crucified him, and parted his garments 24 amongst them, and cast lots upon them.2 And it 25. was the third hour, and they crucified him. And 26 the inscription of his accusation was, This is3 the King of the Jews. And with him they crucify two 27

² Bezae.

3 Bezae.

4 Omit v. 28 R.V. Bezae. thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. ⁴And they blasphemed against him, wagging 29

their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the 30 temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself, 31 and come down from the cross. And again also the chief priests, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, He saved others; himself he cannot 32 save; the Christ the King of Israel! let him descend from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they also that were crucified with him reviled him.

And when it was the sixth hour, there was dark-34 ness until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour he1 cried with a loud voice, My God, my God, why 1 Bezae. 35 hast thou forsaken me²? And some of them that ² Syriac, 'Alah(i), 36 stood by heard it and said He calleth Elia. And Alah(i), 36 stood by heard it, and said, He calleth Elia. And one ran, filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. And they said, Let alone: let us see if Elia cometh to take him 37 down. And Jesus, when he had cried with a loud

voice, expired.

And the veil of the temple was rent in twain, 39 from the top to the bottom. And when the centurion, who was standing beside him, saw him crying out and expiring,3 he said, Truly this was the Son of God. 3 Bezae.

40 And there were women who were standing afar off and looking on: Mary Magdalene, and Mary the daughter of James the Less, the mother of Joseph, 41 and Salome; those who came with him from Galilee,

and many others who were ministering unto him, 42 who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

43 it was on the sabbath. And Joseph came from Ramatha, an honourable man, a counsellor, and who also looked for the kingdom of heaven; and he was bold, and went in unto Pilate, and craved the

44 body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled that he were

already dead: and he sent and called the centurion, and asked him if he were dead. And when he 45 learned it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and brought it, 46 and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolling a stone, placed it against the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the daughter of 47 James beheld where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was passed, Mary Magda-16

lene, and Mary the daughter of James, and Salome, had bought oil and spices, that they might come and anoint him. And in the morning, the first day of 2 the week, they came unto the sepulchre, when the sun was rising. And they said among themselves, 3 But who shall roll us away the stone of the sepulchre? for it was very great.1 And they went, and 4 saw that this stone was rolled away. And they 5 entered into the sepulchre, and saw a young man 2 Or 'on their sitting on their right side, 2 clothed in a white garment: and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, 6 Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where he was laid. But go your way, tell 7 his disciples and Cepha that behold, he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And when they had heard they 8 went out; and went, and said nothing to any man. for they were afraid.

HERE ENDETH THE GOSPEL OF MARK.

1 Bezae.

right hand.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Forasmuch as many have desired to write and to relate about those things that have been fulfilled 2 amongst us, even as they have transmitted them to us, who from the beginning were eye-witnesses, 3 and ministers of the word: it seemed good to me also, who have investigated all these things from the beginning, to write of them one by one carefully unto 4 thee, noble Theophilus, that thou mayest know the 1 Or, 'who

certainty of the words wherein thou hast been instructed.

have investigated all these things carefully one by one, from the beginning, to write of them unto thee.

There was in the days of Herod, king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zacharia, of the division of the house of Abiam: and his wife was of the daughters 6 of Aaron, her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the com-7 mandments and righteousness of the Lord, and they were blameless in all their manner of life. And they had no child, because Elisabeth was barren, and s they were both now well on in days. And it came to pass, that while he was ministering in the priest's 9 order before God, according to the custom of the priest's ministry, his lot was to offer incense. And 10 when he went into the temple, a crowd of the people were standing and praying at the time of incense. 11 And there appeared to Zacharia an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And he was troubled, and shook when he saw the

angel, and fear fell upon him. The angel said unto 13 him, Fear not, Zacharia: for behold, God has heard the voice of thy prayer, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and glory; and 14 many shall rejoice at his birth. For1 he shall be 15 great before the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, while he is still in the womb of his the angel from her. And Mary arose in those 39 days, and went up with care to the hill country, to a city of Juda; and entered into the house of Zacharia, 40 and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, 41 ² Or, 'when when Elisabeth heard the salutation² of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost; and she cried with a loud 42 voice, and said to Mary, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And 43 whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For lo, when the voice of thy 44

> salutation fell on mine ear, with great joy did the babe leap in my womb. And blessed is she that 45 believed that there is a fulfilment of those things which were told her from the Lord. And Mary 46 said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit 47 hath rejoiced in God the Saviour, who hath re- 48 garded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For 49 he hath done to me great things; he who by name is glorious and holy, whose mercy is on the generation 50 and on the tribe to those who fear him. He hath 51 shewed strength with his arm; and hath scattered

saluted Mary.

1 Bezae. ·

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52 the imagination of the hearts of the proud ones. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and hath 53 exalted the humble. And he hath filled the poor with his good things; and the rich he hath despised 1 or, thrust 54 when in want.² He hath cared for his son Israel, ² Syriac-probably 55 and hath remembered his mercy; as he spake to our 56 fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. And Mary abode with Elisabeth about three months, and 57 returned to her house. And when Elisabeth's time of 58 her delivery was fulfilled, she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard that the Lord had multiplied mercy towards her; and they rejoiced 59 with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they 60 called him by the name of his father, Zacharia. And his mother said, Not so; but he shall be called John. 3 R.V. 61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred 62 that is called by this name John. And they spake also to his father, as to how he desired that he should 63 be called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and 64 wrote on it, John is his name. And immediately4 4 Bezae. the string of his tongue was loosened, and he blessed 65 God. And they marvelled all. And fear was upon all their neighbours, and in all the hill-country of 66 Judæa these things were talked about. And they hid them up in their heart, saying, What will this child become? for5 the hand of the Lord is with 5 R.V. 67 him. And his father Zacharia was filled with the 68 Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the God of Israel; for he hath visited his people, and 69 hath wrought6 redemption for them, and hath raised 6 R.V. up an horn of salvation for us in the house of David 70 his servant; 7 as also he spake by the mouth of his 7 Bezae.

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Literally 'brought to salvation.'
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holy prophets, which have been from everlasting:1 and hath saved us2 from the hands3 of our enemies, 71 and all that hate us; to perform mercy with our4 72 fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath 73 which he sware to Abraham, our father, that he would 74 grant unto us, that without fear we should be delivered out of the hand of our enemies, that we might serve before him in uprightness and righteousness all the 75 days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called 76 the prophet of the Highest: thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; that he may 77 give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of 78 our God; whereby the dayspring from on high will visit us, to give light to them that sit in darkness 79 and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. And the child grew, and waxed 80 strong in spirit, and in the desert until the day of his shewing unto Israel.

And it came to pass in those days, Augustus 2 Cæsar commanded that all the land should be enrolled. And this was the first enrolment⁵ 2 governor of Syria. And every man 3 also from went that he might be enrolled 4 there. And Joseph also . . . Joseph from Nazareth, a city of Galilee, to Judæa, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, he, and Mary his 5 wife, being great with child; that there they might be enrolled, because they were both of the house of David. And while they were there, the days were 6 accomplished for the delivery. And she brought 7 forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there

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8 was for them place There 9 watching when . . . and they 10 great fear. great which shall be to all the 11 world. For there is born Saviour, the 12 Lord, the Christ, in the city of David. to vou a sign; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling 13 clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was 14 seen with him praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and peace upon earth, and 15 good-will to men. . . . [Beth]lehem . . . that which 16 with haste lying and related what had been spoken to them concerning the child. 18 And all men who heard from the shepherds, as they told what they had seen and heard, wondered and 19 were astonished. But Mary kept everything in her 20 heart, and pondered them in her mind. And the shepherds returned, glorifying God, and talking about the things which they had seen and heard, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were fulfilled, the child was circumcised, and his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived 22 in the womb. And the days of her purification were accomplished, according as it is written in the law of Moses. Then they brought him up to Jerusalem, to 23 present him before the Lord; (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb 24 shall be called holy to the Lord;) and to offer a sacrifice according as it is written in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young ones of a dove.

25 And there was a certain man in Jerusalem, whose

name was Simeon; righteous he was and just, awaiting the desire of Israel: and the Holy Ghost

was upon him. And it was said unto him by the 26

Holy Ghost, that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the 27 Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do to him according as it is commanded in the law, he, Simeon, received him on 28 his arms, and blessed God, and said. Now lettest thou 29 thy servant, Lord, depart in peace, according as thou hast said: for behold, mine eves have seen thy mercy, 30 which thou hast prepared before the face of all nations; 31 1 R.V. marg. a light for the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory 32 of thy people Israel. And his father² and his mother 33 marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his 34 mother, Behold, this one is set in Israel for the falling and rising of many, and for the sign of contention which is spoken of. And through thine own soul 35 a spear shall pass, that the thoughts of the hearts of many may be revealed. And also Hanna the pro- 36 phetess,3 the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher: and she also was [aged] many days, and seven days only was she with her husband after her virginity; and the rest of her life she was in widow- 37 hood, eighty and four years; she went not out from the temple, and with fasting and prayer and entreaty was serving day and night. And she also rose4 in 38 that instant, and gave thanks to the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for the redemption of Jerusalem. And Joseph and Mary, when they had 39 fulfilled in the temple on the first-born all that is

5 Bezae.

their city.

2 R.V. Bezae.

3 Bezae.

4 Bezae.

And the child grew, and waxed strong,5 filled 40

written in the law, returned into Galilee, to Nazareth