

He went into the ship and came to the area of Magdala.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

1. Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came to *Him*, tempting *Him and* asking Him to show them a sign from heaven.
2. But He answered *and* said to them, “When evening has come, you say, ‘*It will be* fair weather, for the sky is red.’”
3. And in the morning, *you say*, “Today *it will* storm, for the sky is red and lowering.’ Hypocrites! You know *how* to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot *discern* the signs of the times.
4. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.” Then He left them and went away.
5. Now when His disciples came to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.
6. And Jesus said to them, “Watch out, and be on guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”
7. Then they reasoned among themselves, saying, “*It is* because we did not take bread.”
8. But when Jesus knew *this*, He said to them, “O *you* of little faith, why are you reasoning among yourselves that *it is* because you did not bring bread?”
9. Do you still not understand? *Do you* not remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took *up*?
10. Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took *up*?
11. How is it that you do not understand

- Chap. 16
- 1 Mat. 12:38
Mark 8:11
Luke 11:16,
12:54-56
1 Cor. 1:22
 - 4 Mat. 12:39
 - 5 Mark 8:14
 - 6 Luke 12:1
 - 9 Mat. 14:17
John 6:9
 - 10 Mat. 15:34
 - 13 Mark 8:27
Luke 9:18
 - 14 Mat. 14:2
Luke 9:7-9
 - 16 Mat. 14:33
Mark 8:29
Luke 9:20
John 6:69,
11:27
Acts 8:37
1 John 4:15
Heb. 1:2, 5
 - 17 1 Cor. 2:10
Gal. 1:16
Eph. 2:8
 - 18 Isa. 38:10
Job 33:17
Psa. 9:13,
107:18
John 1:42
Eph. 2:20
Rev. 21:14
 - 19 Mat. 18:18
John 20:23
★ See Appendix O
 - 20 Mat. 17:9
Luke 9:21
 - 21 Mat. 20:17
Mark 8:31,
9:31
Luke 9:22,
18:31

that I was not speaking of bread *when I told* you to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees?”

12. Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13. Now after coming into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus questioned His disciples, saying, “Whom do men declare Me, the Son of man, to be?”

14. And they said, “Some *say* John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.”

15. He said to them, “But you, whom do you declare Me to be?”

16. Then Simon Peter answered *and* said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17. And Jesus answered *and* said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood did not reveal *it* to you, but My Father, Who *is* in heaven.

18. And I say also to you, that you are Peter:* but upon this Rock I will build My church, and *the* gates of the grave shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you may bind on the earth will have already been bound in heaven; and whatever you may loose on the earth will have already been loosed in heaven.”★

20. Then He charged His disciples not to tell anyone that He was Jesus the Christ.

21. From that time Jesus began to explain to His disciples that it was necessary for Him to go to Jerusalem, and to suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised the third day.

*Jesus was telling the apostles and disciples that He would build His church on Himself—not on Peter, as traditionally thought and claimed by many. The key to this understanding is in the Greek words that Jesus used. Jesus said to Peter, “You are Peter” (Πετρος petros). The meaning of this word was given definition by Jesus Himself. In John 1:43, the interpretation of the name “Peter” (κηφας cephas) is “a stone.” This is what Jesus was emphasizing here. Peter was a stone. Next, Jesus said of Himself, “But upon this Rock I will build My church.” The Greek word translated “Rock” is πετρα petra, which means “massive cliff.” Christ Himself is that Rock, the Massive Cliff. Peter was a pebble or a stone in comparison. The Greek clearly conveys the meaning. Jesus built His church upon Himself. He did not build it upon a man. Other scriptures verify this truth. Jesus Christ is called the “Rock,” πετρα petra (1 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 2:20). Even Peter later wrote about Jesus as the Cornerstone, the foundational undergirding of the church that He said He would build (1 Pet. 2:4-6). Jesus Christ is called the Head of the church; no man can be the Head (Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:18). Peter himself, shortly after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, said that the Stone which the builders had set at naught had become the Head of the corner (Acts 4:11). This scripture shows that Peter knew he was not the cornerstone or the head of the church of God. 1 Corinthians 3:11 clearly states that all who are Christians must be built on the foundation of Jesus Christ, Who alone is the Head of His church. Through the direct words of Jesus Christ Himself, and through the words of His chosen apostles, we know that He has built His Church on Himself, not on Peter or any other man.

22. But after taking *Him* aside, Peter personally began to rebuke Him, saying, “*God will be favorable to you, Lord. In no way shall this happen to You.*”

23. Then He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, because your thoughts are not *in accord* with the things of God, but the things of men.”

24. And Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and let him take up his cross and follow Me.

25. For whoever desires to save his life shall lose it; but whoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it.

26. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life?

27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall render to everyone according to his doings.

28. Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall not taste of death until they have seen the Son of man coming in His kingdom.”

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

1. And after six days, Jesus took with *Him* Peter and James and his brother John, and brought them up into a high mountain by themselves.

2. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shined as the sun, and His garments became white as the light.

3. Then behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with Him.

4. And Peter answered *and* said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You desire, let us make three tabernacles here: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

5. While he was speaking, a bright cloud suddenly overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My Son, the Beloved, in Whom I delight. Listen to Him!”

6. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces in extreme terror.

7. But Jesus came *and* touched them, and said, “Arise, and do not be terrified.”

8. And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus alone.

9. Now as they were descending from the

23 2 Sam. 10:22

Rom. 8:7

24 Mark 8:34

Luke 9:23,

14:27

Acts 14:22

1 Thes. 3:3

2 Tim. 3:12

25 Luke 17:33

John 12:25

26 Psa. 49:7, 8

27 Psa. 62:12

Prov. 24:12

Job 34:11

Dan. 7:10

Zech. 14:5

Mat. 25:31,

26:64

Mark 8:38

Luke 9:26

1 Pet. 1:17

Jude 14

Rom. 2:6

2 Cor. 5:10

Rev. 2:23

28 Mark 9:1

Luke 9:27

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1 Mark 9:2

Luke 9:28

5 Deut. 18:15,

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Isa. 42:1

Mat. 3:17

Mark 1:11

Luke 3:22

Acts 3:22-23

2 Pet. 1:17

6 2 Pet. 1:18

7 Dan. 8:18,

9:21, 10:10,

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9 Mat. 16:20

Mark 8:30,

9:9

10 Mal. 4:5

Mat. 11:14

Mark 9:11

11 Mal. 4:6

Luke 1:16-17

Acts 3:21

12 Mat. 11:14,

14:3, 10,

16:21

Mark 9:12-13

13 Mat. 11:14

14 Mark 9:14

Luke 9:37

20 Mat. 21:21

Mark 11:23

Luke 17:6

1 Cor. 12:9,

13:2

22 Mat. 16:21,

20:17

Mark 8:31,

9:30-31,

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Luke 9:22,

44, 18:31,

24:6-7

24 Ex. 30:13,

33:26

Mark 9:33

mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man has risen from *the* dead.”

10. Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

11. And Jesus answered *and* said to them, “Elijah shall indeed come first and restore all things.

12. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him; but they did to him whatever they desired. In like manner also, the Son of man is about to suffer from them.”

13. Then the disciples understood that He was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

14. And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him,

15. And saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is insane and suffers miserably; for he often falls into the fire, and often into the water.

16. And I brought him to Your disciples, but they were not able to heal him.”

17. Then Jesus answered *and* said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you *in your unbelief*? Bring him here to Me.”

18. And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it departed from him; and the boy was healed from that hour.

19. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately *and* said, “Why were we not able to cast it out?”

20. And Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a *tiny* mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, ‘Remove from here,’ and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you.

21. But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

22. And while they were dwelling in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is about to be betrayed into *the* hands of men,

23. And they shall kill Him; but the third day He shall be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

24. Now after coming to Capernaum, those who received the tribute money came to Peter and said, “Does not your Master pay tribute?”

25. And he said, “Yes.” And when he

came into the house, Jesus, anticipating his *question*, said, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive custom or tribute? From their own children, or from strangers?"

26. Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the children are indeed free.

27. Nevertheless, so that we may not offend them, go to the sea and cast a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you have opened its mouth, you shall find a coin. Take that, and give *it* to them for Me and you."

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

1. At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is *the* greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2. And after calling a little child to *Him*, Jesus set him in their midst,

3. And said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, there is no way that you shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4. Therefore, whoever shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5. And whoever shall receive one such little child in My name receives Me.

6. But whoever shall cause one of these little ones who believe in Me to offend, it would be better for him that a millstone be hung around his neck and he be sunk in the depths of the sea.

7. Woe to the world because of offenses! For it is necessary that offenses come, yet woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

8. And if your hand or your foot causes you to offend, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed than to have two hands or two feet *and* be cast into the eternal fire.

9. And if your eye causes you to offend, pluck it out and throw *it* away; for it is better for you to enter into life one-eyed than to have two eyes *and* be cast into the fire of Gehenna.

10. Take heed *that* you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that their angels in heaven continually look upon the face of My Father, Who is in heaven.

Chap. 18

- 1 Mark 9:33
 Luke 9:46,
 22:24
 3 Psa. 131:2
 Mat. 19:14
 Mark 10:14
 Luke 18:16
 1 Pet. 2:2
 1 Cor. 14:20
 4 Mat. 20:27,
 23:11
 5 Mat. 10:42
 Luke 9:48
 6 Mark 9:42
 Luke 17:1-2
 7 Mat. 26:24
 Luke 17:1
 1 Cor. 11:19
 8 Mat. 5:29-30
 Mark 9:43, 45
 10 Zech. 13:7
 Psa. 34:7
 Esth. 1:14
 Luke 1:19
 Heb. 1:14

11. For the Son of man has come to save those who are lost.

12. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, *does he* not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and search for the one that went astray?

13. And if he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.

14. Likewise, it is not *the* will of your Father Who *is* in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15. *So* then, if your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault between you and him alone. If he is willing to hear you, you have gained your brother.

16. But if he will not listen, take with you one or two others, so that in *the* mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17. And if he fails to listen to them, tell *it* to the church. But if he also fails to listen to the church, let him be to you as the heathen and the tax collector.

18. Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on the earth will have already been bound in heaven; and whatever you shall loose on the earth will have already been loosed in heaven.★

19. Again I say to you, that if two of you on earth shall agree concerning any matter that they wish to request, it shall be done for them by My Father, Who *is* in heaven.

20. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there, I am in *the* midst of them."

21. Then Peter came to Him *and* said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Until seven times?"

22. Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you until seven times, but until seventy times seven.

23. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is compared to a man, a *certain* king, who would take account with his servants.

24. And after he began to reckon, there was brought to him one debtor who owed *him* ten thousand talents.

25. But since he did not have *anything* to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26. Because of this, the servant fell down *and* worshiped him, saying, 'Lord, have

- 11 Luke 9:56,
 19:10
 John 3:17,
 12:47
 12 Luke 15:4
 15 Lev. 19:17
 Luke 17:3
 Jas. 5:20
 1 Pet. 3:1
 16 Deut. 17:6,
 19:15
 John 8:17
 2 Cor. 13:1
 Heb. 10:28
 17 2 John 10
 Rom. 16:17
 1 Cor. 5:9
 2 Thes. 3:6,
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 18 Mat. 16:19
 John 20:23
 1 Cor. 5:4
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 Appendix O
 19 Mat. 5:24
 Luke 17:4
 1 John 3:22,
 5:14
 22 Mat. 6:14
 Mark 11:25
 Col. 3:13
 25 2 Ki. 4:1
 Neh. 5:8

patience with me, and I will pay you all.’
 27. And being moved with compassion, the lord of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt.

28. Then that servant went out *and* found one of his fellow servants, who owed him a hundred silver coins; and after seizing him, he choked *him*, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe.’

29. As a result, his fellow servant fell down at his feet and pleaded with him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’

30. But he would not *listen*; instead, he went and cast him into prison, until he should pay the amount that he owed.

31. Now when his fellow servants saw the things *that* had taken place, they were greatly distressed; and they went to their lord *and* related all that had taken place.

32. Then his lord called him *and* said to him, ‘*You* wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt, because you implored me.

33. Were you not also obligated to have compassion on your fellow servant, even as I had compassion on you?’

34. And in anger, his lord delivered him up to the tormentors, until he should pay all that he owed to him.

35. Likewise shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each *of* you does not forgive his brother’s offenses from the heart.”

CHAPTER NINETEEN

1. And it came to pass *that* when Jesus had finished these sayings, He departed from Galilee and came to the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan.

2. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

3. Then the Pharisees came to Him and tempted Him, saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?”

4. But He answered them, saying, “Have you not read that He Who made *them* from *the* beginning made them male and female,

5. And said, ‘For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh’?

6. So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

28 Mat. 20:2
 35 Prov. 21:13
 Mat. 6:12
 Mark 11:26
 Jas. 2:13

Chap. 19

1 Mark 10:1
 John 10:40
 2 Mat. 12:15
 4 Gen. 1:27,
 5:2
 Mal. 2:15
 5 Gen. 2:24
 Mark 10:5-9
 1 Cor. 6:16,
 7:2
 Eph. 5:31

7. They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”

8. He said to them, “Because of your hardheartedness, Moses allowed you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it was not so.

9. And I say to you, whoever shall divorce his wife, except *it be* for sexual immorality, and shall marry another, is committing adultery; and the one who marries her who has been divorced is committing adultery.”

10. His disciples said to Him, “If that is the case of a man with a wife, it is better not to marry.”

11. But He said to them, “Not everyone can receive this word, but *only those* to whom it has been given.

12. For there are eunuchs who were born that way from *their* mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.”

13. Then little children were brought to Him, so that He might lay *His* hands on them and pray *for them*; but the disciples rebuked *those who brought* them.

14. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

15. And after laying *His* hands on them, He departed from there.

16. Now at that time, one came to Him *and* said, “Good Master, what good *thing* shall I do, that I may have eternal life?”

17. And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good except one—God. But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

18. Then he said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “‘You shall not commit murder’; ‘You shall not commit adultery’; ‘You shall not steal’; ‘You shall not bear false witness’;

19. ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

20. The young man said to Him, “I have kept all these things from my youth. What do I yet lack?”

21. Jesus said to him, “If you desire to be perfect, go *and* sell your property, and give to *the* poor, and you shall have

7 Deut. 24:1
 Mat. 5:31
 9 Mat. 5:32
 Mark 10:11
 Luke 16:18
 1 Cor. 7:10
 10 Prov. 21:19
 11 1 Cor. 7:2,
 7, 9, 17
 12 1 Cor. 7:32,
 9:5, 15
 13 Mark 10:13
 Luke 18:15
 14 Mat. 18:3
 16 Mark 10:17
 Luke 10:25,
 18:18
 18 Ex. 20:13
 Deut. 5:17
 19 Lev. 19:18
 Mat. 15:4,
 22:39
 Jas. 2:8
 Rom. 13:9
 Gal. 5:14
 21 Mat. 6:20
 Luke 12:33,
 16:9
 Acts 2:45,
 4:34, 35
 1 Tim. 6:18-
 19