PASSOVER - DAY 3

Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26; Numbers 28:16-25

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TORAH

Exodus 33:12-23

- 12 So Moses said to *Adonai* "You say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My eyes.'
- 13 Now then, I pray, if I have found grace in Your eyes, show me Your ways, so that I may know You, so that I might find favor in Your sight. Consider also that this nation is Your people."
- 14 "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest," He answered.
- 15 But then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with me, don't let us go up from here!
- 16 For how would it be known that I or your people have found favor in Your sight? Isn't it because You go with us, that distinguishes us from all the people on the face of the earth?"
- 17 *Adonai* answered Moses, "I will also do what you have said, for you have found favor in My sight, and I know you by name."
- 18 Then he said, "Please, show me Your glory!"
- 19 So He said, "I will cause all My goodness to pass before you, and call out the Name of *Adonai* before you. I will be gracious toward whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy on whom I will be merciful."
- 20 But He also said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live."
- 21 Then *Adonai* said, "See, a place near Me—you will stand on the rock.

- 22 While My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and cover you with My hand, until I have passed by.
- 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you will see My back, but My face will not be seen."

Exodus 34:1-26

- 1 *Adonai* said to Moses, "Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write upon them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.
- 2 Be ready by the morning, come up to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain.
- 3 No one is to come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout the entire mountain. Even the flocks and herds must not graze in front of that mountain."
- 4 So he carved two tablets of stone like the first. Then Moses rose up early in the morning, went up onto Mount Sinai as *Adonai* had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.
- 5 Then *Adonai* descended in the cloud, stood with him there, as he called on the Name of *Adonai*.

Thirteen Attributes of God

- 6 Then *Adonai* passed before him, and proclaimed, "*Adonai*, *Adonai*, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth,
- 7 showing mercy to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means leaving the guilty unpunished, but bringing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, to the third and fourth generation."
- 8 Then Moses quickly bowed his head down to the earth and worshipped.
- 9 He said, "If now I have found grace in Your eyes, my Lord, let my Lord please go within our midst, even though this is a stiff-necked people. Pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your own inheritance."

Exclusive Covenant

- 10 Then He said, "I am cutting a covenant. Before all your people I will do wonders, such as have not been done in all the earth, or in any nation. All the people you are among will see the work of *Adonai*—for what I am going to do with you will be awesome!
- 11 Obey what I am commanding you today. Behold, I am going to drive out the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites before you.
- 12 Watch yourself, and make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, or they will become a snare among you.
- 13 Instead you must break down their altars, smash their pillars and cut down their Asherah poles.
- 14 For you are to bow down to no other god, because *Adonai* is jealous for His Name—He is a jealous God.
- 15 "See that you do not make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land. Otherwise when they prostitute themselves with their gods and sacrifice to their gods, someone will invite you, and you will eat from their sacrifice.
- 16 Do not take their daughters for your sons, for their daughters will prostitute themselves with their own gods, and cause your sons to prostitute themselves with their gods.
- 17 "You are not to make for yourselves metal gods.
- 18 "You are to keep the Feast of Matzot. For seven days you are eat *matzot*, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month Aviv, for in the month Aviv you came out from Egypt.
- 19 "Every firstborn of the womb is Mine, and from all your cattle you are to sanctify the males, the firstborn of the ox and sheep.
- 20 A firstborn donkey you are to redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you are to break its neck. You must redeem all your firstborn sons. No one should appear before Me empty-handed.
- 21 "For six days you will work, but on the seventh day you will rest. During plowing time and harvest you must rest.
- 22 "You are to observe the Feast of *Shavuot*, which is the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, as well as the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

23 Three times during the year all your males are to appear before *Adonai Elohim*, God of Israel.

24 For I am going to cast out nations before you, then enlarge your territory. So no one will covet your land when you go up to appear before *Adonai* your God three times in the year.

25 "You are not to offer the blood of My sacrifice with *hametz*, nor should the sacrifice of the Passover Festival remain until morning.

26 "You are to bring the choicest firstfruits of your land to the House of *Adonai* your God. "You must not boil a kid in its mother's milk."

Numbers 28:16-25

Pesach: Passover

16 "On the fourteenth day of the first month is Adonai's Passover.

17 On the fifteenth day, there is to be a feast. For seven days, *matzot* will be eaten.

18 You are to hold a sacred assembly on the first day. You are not to do any laborious work.

19 You are to offer to *Adonai* burnt offering by fire, two young bulls, one ram and seven male lambs a year old. They are to be flawless.

20 You are to offer their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, three tenths of an ephah per bull, two tenths per ram,

21 and one tenth per each of the seven lambs,

22 plus one goat for a sin offering to atone for yourselves.

23 In addition to the morning burnt offering and regular burnt offering, you are to offer these.

24 Just like this you are to offer each day, for seven days, the food to be offered by fire for each day as a pleasing aroma to *Adonai*, beside the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.

25 On the seventh day, you are to have a sacred assembly, and you are to do no laborious work.

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 36:37-38

37 Thus says *Adonai Elohim*: "I will again be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them—I will populate them with people like a flock.

38 Like the holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem during her *moadim*, so the waste cities will be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am *Adonai*."

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Dry Bones Live

- 1 The hand of *Adonai* was upon me. The *Ruach Adonai* carried me out and set me down in the middle of the valley. It was full of bones.
- 2 He led me all around them. Behold, there were very many on the floor of the valley. Behold, they were very dry.
- 3 Then He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I answered, "Adonai Elohim, You know."
- 4 "Prophesy over these bones," He said to me. "Say to them: 'Dry bones, hear the word of *Adonai*!'
- 5 Thus says *Adonai Elohim* to these bones: "Behold, I will cause *Ruach* to enter you, so you will live.
- 6 I will attach tendons to you, bring flesh on you and cover you with skin. Then I will put breath in you. You will live. You will know that I am *Adonai*."
- 7 So I prophesied just as I was commanded. As I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, an earthquake. Then the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- 8 I saw, and behold, there were tendons on them, flesh came up and skin covered them above, but there was no breath in them.
- 9 Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the *Ruach*. Prophesy, son of man, and say to the *Ruach*, thus says *Adonai Elohim*: 'Come from the four winds, *Ruach*! Breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

- 10 So I prophesied just as He commanded me. The *Ruach* came into them and they lived. They stood up on their feet, a vast army.
- 11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say: 'Our bones are dried up; our hope is lost; we are cut off—by ourselves.'
- 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, thus says *Adonai Elohim*: 'Behold, I will open your graves. I will bring you up out of your graves, My people. I will bring you back to the land of Israel.
- 13 You will know that I am *Adonai*, when I have opened your graves and brought you up out of your graves, My people.
- 14 I will put My *Ruach* in you and you will live. I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, *Adonai*, have spoken and that I have done it." It is a declaration of *Adonai*.

BRIT CHADASHA

Matthew 26 - 28, Mark 14 - 16, Luke 22 - 24, John 13 – 21

Matthew 26

The Conspiracy Grows

- 1 Now it happened that when *Yeshua* had finished all these words, He said to His disciples,
- 2 "You know that Passover comes in two days, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be executed."
- 3 Then the ruling *kohanim* and elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the *kohen gadol* named Caiaphas.
- 4 They plotted together in order that they might seize *Yeshua* by stealth and kill Him.
- 5 "But not during the festival," they were saying, "so there won't be a riot among the people."

A Woman Anoints Yeshua for Burial

- 6 Now while Yeshua was in Bethany at the house of Simon ha-Metzora,
- 7 a woman came up to Him with an alabaster jar of very expensive oil. And she poured it on His head as He was reclining at the table.
- 8 But when the disciples saw this, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?
- 9 It could have been sold for a lot, and the money given to the poor!"
- 10 But *Yeshua*, knowing this, said to them, "Why do you cause trouble for this woman? She's done Me a *mitzvah*.
- 11 You always have the poor with you, but you won't always have Me.
- 12 For when she poured this oil on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial.
- 13 Amen, I tell you, wherever this Good News is proclaimed in all the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

- Betrayed and Sold for Silver
- 14 Then one of the Twelve, the one called Judah of Kriot, went to the ruling *kohanim*
- 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?" And they weighed out thirty shekels of silver for him.
- 16 From then on, Judah began looking for a chance to hand Him over.
- 17 Now on the first day of *matzah*, the disciples came to *Yeshua*, saying, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"
- 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and tell him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near; at your house I am to keep the Passover with My disciples.""
- 19 The disciples did as *Yeshua* had ordered them, and they prepared the Passover.
- 20 Now when it was evening, Yeshua was reclining at the table with the Twelve.
- 21 As they were eating, He said, "Amen, I tell you, one of you will betray Me."
- 22 And being very sorrowful, they began, each one, to say to Him, "I'm not the one, am I, Master?"
- 23 And He replied, "The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with Me, he's the one who will betray Me.
- 24 The Son of Man indeed goes, just as it is written about Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born!"
- 25 And Judah, the one betraying Him, replied, "I'm not the one, am I, Rabbi?" *Yeshua* said to him, "You've said it yourself."
- 26 Now while they were eating, *Yeshua* took *matzah*; and after He offered the *bracha*, He broke and gave to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
- 27 And He took a cup; and after giving thanks, He gave to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;
- 28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the removal of sins.
- 29 But I say to you, I will never drink of this fruit of the vine from now on, until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father's kingdom."
- 30 After singing the *Hallel*, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- 31 Then *Yeshua* said to them, "This night you will all fall away because of Me; for it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'
- 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to the Galilee."
- 33 But Peter replied to Him, "Though all fall away because of You, I'll never fall away."
- 34 *Yeshua* said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."
- 35 "Even if I must die with You," Peter says to Him, "I'll never deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

"Your Will Be Done"

- 36 Then *Yeshua* comes with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He tells the disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."
- 37 And He took along Peter and Zebedee's two sons, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled.
- 38 Then He tells them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me."
- 39 Going a little farther, He fell face down and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me! Yet not as I will, but as You will."
- 40 Then He comes to the disciples and finds them sleeping; and He tells Peter, "So couldn't you keep watch with Me for one hour?
- 41 Keep watching and praying, so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- 42 Again for a second time He went away and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, let Your will be done."
- 43 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.
- 44 So He left them again and prayed a third time, saying the same words once more.
- 45 Then He comes to the disciples and says to them, "Still sleeping? Taking your rest? Look, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of sinners.
- 46 Get up, let's go! Look, My betrayer is near."

Taken into Custody

- 47 While *Yeshua* was still speaking, here came Judah, one of the Twelve, and with him a big crowd with swords and clubs, from the ruling *kohanim* and elders of the people.
- 48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The One I kiss, He's the One—seize Him!'
- 49 And immediately Judah drew near to *Yeshua* and said, "Shalom, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.
- 50 "Friend," Yeshua said to him, "do what you've come to do." Then they came up and threw their hands on Yeshua and seized Him.
- 51 And suddenly, one of those with *Yeshua* stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and he struck the *kohen gadol* 's servant and cut off his ear.
- 52 Then *Yeshua* said to him, "Put your sword back in its place! For all who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.
- 53 Or do you suppose that I cannot call on My Father, and at once He will place at My side twelve legions of angels?
- 54 How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"
- 55 At that hour *Yeshua* said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs, to capture Me as you would a revolutionary? Every day I sat teaching in the Temple, and you didn't seize Me.
- 56 But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled." Then all the disciples fled, abandoning Him.
- 57 Now those who had seized *Yeshua* led Him away to Caiaphas, the *kohen gadol*, where the *Torah* scholars and elders had gathered.
- 58 Peter was following Him from a distance as far as the courtyard of the *kohen* gadol . And after going inside, he was sitting with the guards, to see the outcome.

Yeshua's Trial Begins

- 59 Now the ruling *kohanim* and all the Sanhedrin kept trying to get false testimony against *Yeshua* so they could put Him to death.
- 60 But they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward

- 61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I'm able to destroy the Temple of God and rebuild it in three days!"
- 62 The *kohen gadol* stood up and said to *Yeshua*, "Have You no answer? What's this they're testifying against You?"
- 63 But *Yeshua* kept silent. The *kohen gadol* said to Him, "I charge You under oath by the living God, tell us if You are *Mashiach Ben-Elohim*!"
- 64 "As you have said," replied *Yeshua*. "Besides that, I tell you, soon after you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."
- 65 Then the *kohen gadol* tore his clothes and said, "Blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, you've heard the blasphemy.
- 66 What's your verdict?" "Guilty," they answered. "He deserves death!"
- 67 Then they spat in His face and pounded Him with their fists. Others slapped Him and demanded,
- 68 "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Which one hit You?"

Peter Denies Yeshua

- 69 Meanwhile, Peter was sitting in the courtyard. A servant girl came over to him and said, "You also were with *Yeshua* of the Galilee."
- 70 But he denied it before everyone, saying, "I don't know what you're talking about!"
- 71 When he went onto the porch, another servant girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with *Yeshua* ha-Natzrati."
- 72 Again he denied it with an oath: "I don't know the Man!"
- 73 A little while later, some of the bystanders approached Peter and said to him, "Surely you're one of them, too—your accent gives you away."
- 74 Then he began to curse and to swear an oath: "I do not know the Man!" Right then, a rooster crowed.
- 75 Then Peter reminded himself of the word *Yeshua* had said: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went away and wept bitterly.

Matthew 27

Judah's Remorse

- 1 When daybreak came, the ruling *kohanim* and elders of the people conspired against *Yeshua* to put Him to death.
- 2 And they tied Him up, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate, the governor.
- 3 Then Judah, His betrayer, saw that *Yeshua* had been condemned. Feeling remorse, he brought the thirty silver pieces back to the ruling *kohanim* and elders,
- 4 saying, "I've sinned, betraying innocent blood!" But they said, "What's that to us? You see to it yourself!"
- 5 After tossing the silver into the Temple sanctuary, he left. Then he went off and hanged himself.
- 6 But the ruling *kohanim* took the silver pieces and said, "It is not permitted to put these in the treasury, since it is blood money."
- 7 So after they conferred, they bought with them the potter's field, as a cemetery for strangers.
- 8 For this reason that field has been called the "Field of Blood" to this day.
- 9 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty silver pieces, the price of Him on whom a price had been set by *Bnei-Yisrael*;
- 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, just as *Adonai* arranged for me." "Kill the King!"
- 11 Now *Yeshua* stood before the governor. The governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" "You say so," *Yeshua* said.
- 12 And while He was accused by the ruling *kohanim* and elders, He did not answer.
- 13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Don't You hear how many things they testify against you?"
- 14 Yeshua did not answer, not even one word, so the governor was greatly amazed.
- 15 Now during the feast, the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner, anyone they wanted.
- 16 At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Yeshua Bar-Abba.

- 17 So when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release for you? *Yeshua* who is *Bar-Abba*, or *Yeshua* who is called Messiah?"
- 18 For he knew that they had handed Him over out of envy.
- 19 While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, "Don't have anything to do with that righteous Man, for today I've suffered many things in a dream because of Him."
- 20 Now the ruling *kohanim* and elders persuaded the crowds that they should ask for *Bar-Abba* and destroy *Yeshua*.
- 21 But the governor responded, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Bar-Abba!"
- 22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with *Yeshua*, who is called Messiah?" "Execute Him!" all of them say.
- 23 But Pilate said, "Why? What evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Let Him be executed!"
- 24 When Pilate saw he was accomplishing nothing, but instead a riot was starting, he took some water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this blood," he said. "You see to it yourselves!"
- 25 All the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 26 Then he released to them *Bar-Abba*. And after he had *Yeshua* scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Nailed to a Stake

- 27 Then the governor's soldiers took *Yeshua* into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around Him.
- 28 They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe around Him.
- 29 And after braiding a crown of thorns, they placed it on His head and put a staff in His right hand. And falling on their knees before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
- 30 They spat on Him, and they took the staff and beat Him over and over on the head.
- 31 When they finished mocking Him, they stripped the robe off Him and put His own clothes back on Him. And they led Him away to crucify Him.

- 32 As they came out, they found a man from Cyrene, Simon by name. They forced him into service, to carry *Yeshua*'s cross-beam.
- 33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (that is to say, Place of a Skull),
- 34 they offered Him wine mixed with gall to drink; but after tasting, He was unwilling to drink it.
- 35 And when they had crucified Him, they divided His clothing among themselves by casting lots.
- 36 And they sat down and kept guard over Him there.
- 37 Over His head they put the charge against Him, which read: "THIS IS YESHUA, THE KING OF THE JEWS."
- 38 Then two outlaws were executed with Him, one on the right and one on the left.
- 39 Those passing by were jeering at Him, shaking their heads
- 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If you are *Ben-Elohim*, come down from the stake!"
- 41 Likewise the ruling *kohanim*, along with the *Torah* scholars and elders, were also mocking Him.
- 42 "He saved others," they were saying, "but He can't save Himself? He's the King of Israel! Let Him come down now from the stake, and we'll believe in Him!
- 43 He trusts in God; let God rescue Him now, if He wants Him. For He said, 'I am *Ben-Elohim*.'"
- 44 Even the outlaws who were executed with Him were ridiculing Him in the same way.

Yeshua Lays Down His Life

- 45 Now from the sixth hour, darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.
- 46 About the ninth hour *Yeshua* cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?"
- 47 When some of those standing there heard it, they began saying, "This Man is calling for Elijah."
- 48 Right away one of them ran and took a sponge. He filled it with sour wine and put it on a stick, and was offering it to *Yeshua* to drink.

- 49 But the rest were saying, "Leave Him alone! Let's see if Elijah comes to save Him."
- 50 And Yeshua cried out again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit.
- 51 And behold, the curtain of the Temple was split in two, from top to bottom. And the earth quaked and rocks were split apart.
- 52 And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the *kedoshim* who were sleeping were raised to life.
- 53 And coming forth out of the tombs after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.
- 54 Now the centurion, and those with him keeping guard over *Yeshua*, when they saw the earthquake and what was happening, they became terribly frightened and said, "This really was the Son of God!"

The Tomb Is Sealed

- 55 Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed *Yeshua* from the Galilee, serving Him.
- 56 Among them were Miriam from Magdala, Miriam the mother of Jacob and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.
- 57 Now when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had also become a disciple of *Yeshua*.
- 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for *Yeshua*'s body. Then Pilate ordered it to be given up.
- 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth.
- 60 And he laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. Then he rolled a large stone up to the door of the tomb and went away.
- 61 Now Miriam from Magdala was there, and the other Miriam, sitting opposite the tomb.

Guarding the Tomb

- 62 Now on the next day, which is after the preparation, the ruling *kohanim* and Pharisees were gathered before Pilate.
- 63 "Sir," they said, "we remember how that deceiver said while He was still alive, 'After three days I'm to be raised.'

64 Therefore, order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, so His disciples do not come and steal Him away. They will tell the people, 'He is risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first!"
65 "You have a guard," Pilate said to them. "Go, make it as secure as you know how."

66S o they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone along with the soldiers of the guard.

Matthew 28

The Son Is Risen!

- 1 Now after Shabbat, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Miriam of Magdala and the other Miriam came to look at the tomb.
- 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of *Adonai* descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
- 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
- 4 And those keeping watch were shaken for fear of him and became like dead men.
- 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for *Yeshua* who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here; for He is risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.
- 7 Go quickly now and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead. And behold, He's going before you to the Galilee. There you will see Him. See, I have told you!"
- 8 They quickly left the tomb, with fear yet with great joy, and ran to bring news to His disciples.

The Good News Cannot Be Hidden

- 9 And behold, *Yeshua* met them. "Shalom!" He said. They drew near, grasped his feet, and worshiped Him.
- 10 "Don't be afraid," Yeshua said to them. "Go tell My brothers to head for the Galilee, and there they will see Me."

- 11 Now while they were going, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the ruling *kohanim* all that had happened.
- 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of silver to the soldiers,
- 13 saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we were sleeping.'
- 14 And if this is heard by the governor, we'll appease him and keep you out of trouble."
- 15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story was spread among the Judeans to this day.

Authority to Make Disciples Everywhere

- 16 Now the eleven disciples went to the Galilee, to the mountain *Yeshua* had designated.
- 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped; but some wavered.
- 18 And *Yeshua* came up to them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.
- 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, immersing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the *Ruach ha-Kodesh*,
- 20 teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And remember! I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Mark 14 - 16

Anointed for Burial

- 1 Now it was two days before Passover and the Feast of *Matzah*. The ruling *kohanim* and *Torah* scholars were searching for a way to grab *Yeshua* by stealth and kill Him.
- 2 "But not during the festival," they were saying, "so there won't be a riot among the people."
- 3 And while *Yeshua* was in Bethany at the house of Simon ha-Metzora, reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive oil of pure nard. Breaking open the jar, she poured it over His head.

- 4 But some got angry and said among themselves, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted?
- 5 It could have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor!" And they kept scolding her.
- 6 But *Yeshua* said, "Leave her alone. Why do you cause trouble for her? She's done Me a *mitzvah*.
- 7 For you always have the poor with you, and you can do good for them whenever you want; but you won't always have Me.
- 8 She did what she could—she came beforehand to anoint My body for burial.
- 9 Amen, I tell you, wherever the Good News is proclaimed in all the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."
- 10 Then Judah from Kriot, one of the Twelve, went out to the ruling *kohanim* to betray *Yeshua* to them.
- 11 They were delighted when they heard this and promised to give him money. And Judah began looking for a chance to hand Him over.

New Covenant at the Last Seder

- 12 Now on the first day of *matzah*, when they were slaughtering the Passover lamb, *Yeshua*'s disciples say to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?"
- 13 He sends two of His disciples and tells them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him,
- 14 and wherever he enters, tell the homeowner, 'The Teacher says, "Where is My guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'
- 15 He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."
- 16 The disciples went out, came to the city, and found just what *Yeshua* had told them. And they prepared the Passover.
- 17 When it was evening, He came with the Twelve.
- 18 As they were reclining and eating, *Yeshua* said, "Amen, I tell you, one of you who is eating with Me will betray Me."
- 19 They began to be sorrowful and to say to Him one by one, "I'm not the one, am I?"

- 20 He said to them, "It's one of the Twelve, one who dips with Me in the bowl.
- 21 For the Son of Man indeed goes, just as it is written about Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born!"
- 22 And while they were eating, He took *matzah*; and after He offered the *bracha*, He broke it and gave it to them and said, "Take; this is My body."
- 23 And He took a cup; and after giving thanks, He gave to them and they all drank from it.
- 24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.
- 25 Amen, I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."

Denial Predicted

- 26 After singing the *Hallel*, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
- 27 And *Yeshua* said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'
- 28 But after I'm raised up, I will go before you to the Galilee."
- 29 Peter said to Him, "Even though all fall away, I won't!"
- 30 And *Yeshua* said to him, "Amen, I tell you, today—this very night—before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."
- 31 But Peter kept insisting exceedingly, "Even if I must die with You, I'll never deny You!" And they all were saying the same.

A Night of Painful Prayer

- 32 Then they come to a place whose name is Gethsemane; and *Yeshua* says to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray."
- 33 He takes with Him Peter, Jacob, and John; and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled.
- 34 And He tells them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch."
- 35 Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and began praying that if possible this hour might pass Him by.

- 36 And He was saying, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You! Take this cup from Me! Yet not what I will, but what You will."
- 37 Then He comes and finds them sleeping; and He tells Peter, "Simon, you're asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?
- 38 Keep watching and praying, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- 39 Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words.
- 40 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy. They didn't know what to answer Him.
- 41 And He comes the third time and says to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of sinners.
- 42 Get up, let's go! Look, My betrayer is near."

Betrayed and Abandoned

- 43 Right away, while *Yeshua* was still speaking, Judah comes up, one of the Twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the ruling *kohanim*, *Torah* scholars, and elders.
- 44 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "The One I kiss, He's the One! Seize Him and lead Him away under guard."
- 45 As soon as Judah came, he drew near to *Yeshua* and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed Him.
- 46 Then they threw their hands on *Yeshua* and seized Him.
- 47 But one of the bystanders, drawing his sword, struck the servant of the *kohen* gadol and cut off his ear.
- 48 *Yeshua* said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs, to capture Me as you would against a revolutionary?
- 49 Every day I was with you in the Temple teaching, and you didn't seize Me. But this is so that the Scriptures would be fulfilled."
- 50 And all fled, abandoning Him.
- 51 A certain young man was following Him, with nothing but a linen cloth around his body, and they grabbed him.
- 52 But he ran away naked, leaving behind the linen cloth.

Falsely Charged

- 53 Then they led *Yeshua* away to the *kohen gadol*. And all the ruling *kohanim*, elders, and *Torah* scholars gathered.
- 54 Peter had followed Him from a distance, right into the courtyard of the *kohen gadol*. He was sitting with the guards, warming himself by the fire.
- 55 Now the ruling *kohanim* and all the Sanhedrin kept trying to get evidence against *Yeshua* so they could put Him to death, but they weren't finding any. 56Many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony wasn't consistent.
- 57 Some stood up and began to give false testimony against Him, saying,
- 58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this Temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands."
- 59 Yet even then, their testimony didn't agree.
- 60 The *kohen gadol* stood up in the middle and questioned *Yeshua*, saying, "Do You have no answer? What is this they're testifying against You?"
- 61 But keeping silent, *Yeshua* did not answer. Again the *kohen gadol* questioned Him, "Are you *Mashiach*, Son of the Blessed One?"
- 62 "I am," said *Yeshua*, "and you shall see 'the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Powerful One,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven'!"
- 63 Tearing his clothes, the kohen gadol says, "Why do we still need witnesses?
- 64 You've heard the blasphemy. What seems right to you?" Then all condemned Him as deserving death.
- 65 Some began to spit on Him, to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, saying, "Prophesy!" Also the guards slapped Him around.

The Rooster Crows

- 66 As Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the *kohen* gadol comes by.
- 67 Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked straight at him. "You also were with *Yeshua* of Natzeret," she says.
- 68 But he denied it, saying, "I don't know or understand what you're talking about!" Then he went outside to the gateway, and a rooster crowed.

- 69 Seeing him, the servant girl began again to tell the bystanders, "This is one of them."
- 70 But again he denied it. And a little while later, the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you're one of them, for you're also a Galilean."
- 71 But he began to curse himself and to swear an oath: "I do not know this Man you're talking about!"
- 72 Right then, a rooster crowed a second time. Then Peter called to mind the word *Yeshua* had said to him: "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he broke down and began to weep.

Mark 15

Handed Over to the Romans

- 1 Right at daybreak, the ruling *kohanim* held a meeting to consult with the elders and *Torah* scholars and the whole Sanhedrin. They tied up *Yeshua*, led Him away, and handed Him over to Pilate.
- 2 Pilate interrogated Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Yeshua answers him, "As you say."
- 3 The ruling kohanim began to accuse Him of many things.
- 4 Again, Pilate asked Him, "Aren't you going to answer? Look how many charges they're bringing against You!"
- 5 But Yeshua did not answer, so Pilate was amazed.
- 6 Now during the feast, he used to release to them one prisoner, anyone they were asking for.
- 7 Now a man named *Bar-Abba* had been in jail with the rebels who had committed murder during the rebellion.
- 8 The crowd came up and began to request what he was accustomed to do for them.
- 9 But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"
- 10 For he knew that out of envy the ruling kohanim had handed Him over.

- 11 But the ruling *kohanim* stirred up the crowd, so he would release *Bar-Abba* to them instead.
- 12 Then answering again, Pilate said to them, "So what do you want me to do with the One you call the King of the Jews?"
- 13 They shouted back, "Execute Him!"
- 14 Pilate responded, "Why? What evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Execute Him!"
- 15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released *Bar-Abba* for them. And after he had *Yeshua* scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.
- 16 The soldiers took Him away, into the palace, the governor's mansion called the Praetorium. And they call together the cohort of soldiers.
- 17 They dress Him up in purple. After braiding a crown of thorns, they put it on Him.
- 18 And they began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
- 19 Over and over, they kept hitting Him on the head with a staff and spitting on Him; and kneeling down, they worshiped Him.
- 20 When they finished mocking Him, they stripped the purple off Him and put His own clothes back on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

Crucified as King of the Jews

- 21 Now Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was coming in from the countryside. The soldiers force this passerby to carry *Yeshua*'s cross-beam.
- 22 They bring *Yeshua* to the place called Golgotha (which is translated, Place of a Skull).
- 23 They were offering Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He didn't take it.
- 24 Then they crucify Him and divide up His clothing among themselves, casting lots for them to see who should take what.
- 25 Now it was the third hour when they nailed Him on the stake.
- 26 And the inscription of the charge against Him was written above: "THE KING OF THE JEWS."
- 27 And with Him they execute two outlaws, one on His right and one on His left.
- 28 [footnote: Later mss. add: So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'He was counted with the sinners.' See Isa. 53:12.]

- 29 Those passing by were jeering at Him, shaking their heads and saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days,
- 30 save Yourself by coming down from the stake!"
- 31 Likewise the ruling *kohanim*, along with the *Torah* scholars, were also mocking Him among themselves. "He saved others," they were saying, "but He can't save Himself?
- 32 Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the stake, so we may see and believe!" Even those executed with Him were ridiculing Him.

Death and Burial

- 33 When the sixth hour had come, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour.
- 34 At the ninth hour *Yeshua* cried out with a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema* sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?"
- 35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, "Look, He's calling for Elijah."
- 36 Then someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine. He put it on a stick and was offering it to *Yeshua* to drink, saying, "Wait, let's see if Elijah comes to take Him down."
- 37 But letting out a loud cry, Yeshua breathed His last.
- 38 Then the curtain of the Temple was split in two, from top to bottom.
- 39 When the centurion, who was standing in front of Him, saw the way *Yeshua* breathed His last, he said, "This Man really was the Son of God!"
- 40 There were also women watching from a distance. Among them were Miriam from Magdala, Miriam the mother of Jacob the younger and of Joses, and Salome.
- 41 They would follow Him and serve Him when He was in the Galilee. Many other women who had gone up together with Him to Jerusalem were there also.
- 42 Now evening had already come. Since it was the Day of Preparation, that is, the day before Shabbat,
- 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected council member who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for *Yeshua*'s body.

- 44 Pilate was surprised that He was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him whether *Yeshua* had been dead for long.
- 45 When Pilate learned this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.
- 46 Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen, and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.
- 47 Miriam from Magdala and Miriam the mother of Joses were watching where *Yeshua*'s body was placed.

Mark 16

The Empty Tomb

- 1 When *Shabbat* was over, Miriam of Magdala, Miriam the mother of Jacob, and Salome bought spices, so that they might come and anoint *Yeshua*'s body.
- 2 Very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they come to the tomb.
- 3 They were saying to each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
- 4 Looking up, they see that the stone (it was really huge) had been rolled away.
- 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were startled.
- 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for *Yeshua* of Natzeret, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here! See the place where they put Him.
- 7 But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to the Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.'"
- 8 And going outside, they fled from the tomb, gripped by trembling and amazement. They didn't say anything to anybody, for they were afraid.

He Is Risen

9 After He had risen early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Miriam of Magdala, from whom He had driven out seven demons.

- 10 She went and brought word to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.
- 11 When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe.
- 12 After that, He appeared in a different form to two of them as they were walking on their way to the country.
- 13 They went and reported it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.
- 14 Later He appeared to them, the eleven, as they were reclining at the table. He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardheartedness, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had been raised.

Tell the World!

- 15 He told them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to every creature.
- 16 He who believes and is immersed shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.
- 17 These signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak new languages;
- 18 they will handle snakes; and if they drink anything deadly, it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well."
- 19 Then the Lord *Yeshua*, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.
- 20 And they went out and proclaimed everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that follow.

Luke 22

The Day before *Pesach*

- 1 Now the Feast of *Matzah*, which is called Passover, was approaching.
- 2 The ruling *kohanim* and *Torah* scholars were searching for a way to do away with *Yeshua*, for they were afraid of the people.
- 3 Then satan entered into Judah, the one from Kriot, one of the twelve.

- 4 And he went away and talked with the ruling *kohanim* and officers of the Temple guard about how he might deliver *Yeshua* over to them.
- 5 They were delighted and agreed to give him money.
- 6 So he agreed and began looking for a chance to hand *Yeshua* over to them without a crowd.
- 7 Then came the day of *matzah* when the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.
- 8 Now *Yeshua* sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so we may eat."
- 9 Then they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?"
- 10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters.
- 11 And say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'
- 12 And with that, he will show you a large upper room, fully furnished. Make preparations there."
- 13 So they left and found just what *Yeshua* had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

The Seder in the Upper Room

- 14 When the hour came, Yeshua reclined at table, and the emissaries with Him.
- 15 And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
- 16 For I tell you, I will never eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."
- 17 And when He had taken a cup and offered the *bracha*, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves.
- 18 For I tell you that I will never drink of the fruit of the vine from now on, until the kingdom of God comes."
- 19 And when He had taken *matzah* and offered the *bracha*, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, given for you. Do this in memory of Me."
- 20 In the same way, He took the cup after the meal, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.
- 21 But look, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table.

- 22 For indeed, the Son of Man is going as has been predetermined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"
- 23 So they began to discuss among themselves which of them it might be who would do this thing.
- 24 But there was also a quarrel among them about which of them is considered the greatest.
- 25 And *Yeshua* said to them, "The kings of the nations have mastery over them, and those exercising authority over them are called 'benefactors.'
- 26 But with you, it is not so. Rather, let the one who is greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves.
- 27 For who is greater, the one who reclines or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines? But I am among you as one who serves.
- 28 "You are the ones who have remained with Me in My times of testing.
- 29 And just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, so I grant to you
- 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you shall sit upon thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
- 31 "Simon, Simon! Indeed, satan has demanded to sift you all like wheat.
- 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."
- 33 But Simon said to Him, "Master, I am ready to go with You even to prison and to death!"
- 34 But *Yeshua* said, "I tell you, Peter, a rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me."
- 35 And He said to them, "When I sent you out without a money pouch and travel bag and sandals, you didn't lack anything, did you?" They said, "No, nothing."
- 36 Then He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money pouch must carry it as well as a travel bag. And whoever does not own a sword must sell his cloak and buy one.
- 37 For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me: 'And he was counted with the lawless.' For what is written about Me is being fulfilled."
- 38 But they said, "Master, look here! Two swords!" And He said to them, "It is enough."

Yeshua Prays at the Mount of Olives

- 39 And *Yeshua* came out and went as usual to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him.
- 40 When he reached the place, He said to them, "Pray that you will not enter into temptation."
- 41 And He pulled back about a stone's throw from them, got on His knees, and began to pray,
- 42 saying, "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."
- 43 Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him.
- 44 And in His anguish, He was praying fervently; and His sweat was like drops of blood falling down on the ground.
- 45 When He rose up from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them asleep, exhausted from grief.
- 46 And He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation."

Betrayed!

- 47 While *Yeshua* was speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judah, one of the Twelve, approached *Yeshua* to kiss Him.
- 48 But Yeshua said to him, "Judah, with a kiss you betray the Son of Man?"
- 49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Master, shall we strike with the sword?"
- 50 And one of them struck the servant of the *kohen gadol* and cut off his right ear.
- 51 But *Yeshua* answered and said, "Stop this now!" And He touched the man's ear and healed him.
- 52 Then *Yeshua* said to the ruling *kohanim*, officers of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a revolutionary?
- 53 Every day I was with you in the Temple, yet you did not lay a finger on Me. But this is yours—the hour and the power of darkness."

54 Then they seized *Yeshua* and led Him away and brought Him into the house of the *kohen gadol*. But Peter was following from a distance.

Denied Three Times

- 55 Now they had lit a fire in the center of the courtyard and sat down together, and Peter was sitting among them.
- 56 Then a servant girl saw him sitting at the fire. She looked straight at him and said, "This one was with Him too!"
- 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I don't know Him!"
- 58 A little later, another saw him and said, "You too are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"
- 59 And about an hour later, another began to insist, saying, "Certainly this fellow was with Him, for he too is a Galilean!"
- 60 But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" And immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed.
- 61 And the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, 'Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.'
- 62 And Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Beaten by Roman Soldiers

- 63 Now the men who were guarding Yeshua began mocking and beating Him.
- 64 They blindfolded Him and kept asking Him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is the one who hit You?"
- 65 And reviling Him, they were saying many other things against Him.

Brought Before the Council

- 66 As it become day, the elders of the people gathered together, both ruling *kohanim* and *Torah* scholars, and they led Him away to their council, saying,
- 67 "If You are *Mashiach*, tell us." But *Yeshua* said to them, "If I tell you, you will never believe;
- 68 and if I ask you, you will never answer.

69 But from now on, the Son of Man is seated at the right hand of the power of God."

70 Then they all said, "Are You then *Ben-Elohim*?" And to them He said, "You say that I am."

71 Then they said, "What further need do we have for testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth!"

Luke 23

Brought Before Pilate

- 1 Then the entire assembly got up and brought Yeshua to Pilate.
- 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow subverting our nation, forbidding payment of taxes to Caesar and saying that He Himself is Messiah—a king."
- 3 So Pilate questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" "As you say," *Yeshua* replied.
- 4 Then Pilate said to the ruling *kohanim* and the crowds, "I find no case against this Man."
- 5 But they kept insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, starting from the Galilee to as far as here."
- 6 But when Pilate heard this, he asked whether the Man was a Galilean.
- 7 And when he learned that *Yeshua* was from Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Brought Before Herod

- 8 Now Herod was overjoyed when he saw *Yeshua*, for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had heard about Him and was hoping to see some miracle done by Him.
- 9 He was questioning *Yeshua* on many issues, but *Yeshua* did not answer at all. 10 And the ruling *kohanim* and the *Torah* scholars stood their ground, strongly accusing Him.
- 11 Now Herod together with his soldiers were treating Him with contempt and mocking Him. They put splendid clothing on Him and sent Him back to Pilate.

12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with one another from that very day, for previously they had been enemies with one another.

Pilate's Decree

- 13 Now Pilate called together the ruling *kohanim*, the leaders, and the people.
- 14 And he said to them, "You brought this Man to me as one who incites the people to revolt. But having examined Him in your presence, I have found no case against this Man regarding what you accuse Him of doing.
- 15 Nor did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Indeed, He has done nothing that is worthy of death.
- 16 Therefore I will scourge Him and release Him."
- 17 [footnote: Some mss. add: *Now Pilate needed to release one prisoner to them at the feast.*]
- 18 But they shouted out all together, saying, "Take this fellow away! Release to us *Bar-Abba*!"
- 19 (He was someone who had been thrown into prison for a rebellion in the city and murder.)
- 20 Again Pilate addressed them, wanting to release Yeshua;
- 21 but they kept shouting out, saying, "Execute, execute Him!"
- 22 And a third time he spoke to them, "Why? What evil has this One done? I have found in Him no fault deserving of death. Therefore, I will scourge and release Him."
- 23 But they were insistent, demanding with loud shouts that He be executed. And their voices prevailed.
- 24 So Pilate decreed that their demand be put into effect.
- 25 And He released the one they were asking for, the one thrown in jail for insurrection and murder. But he handed over *Yeshua* to their will.

Executed on the Stake

26 As they led Him away, they grabbed a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the countryside. They placed on him the cross-beam, to carry behind *Yeshua*.

27 Now a great multitude of people was following Him, including women who were mourning and singing dirges for Him.

- 28 But *Yeshua*, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but for yourselves and your children.
- 29 For indeed, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are barren, and the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that did not feed.'
- 30 'Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!'
- 31 "For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"
- 32 Others, two evildoers, were also led away to be put to death with Him.
- 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him and the evildoers, one on His right and the other on His left.
- 34 But *Yeshua* was saying, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Then they cast lots, dividing up His clothing.
- 35 The people stood there watching. And even the leaders were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!"
- 36 The soldiers likewise mocked Him, coming up and bringing Him sour wine,
- 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."
- 38 Now there was also an inscription over Him: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
- 39 One of the evildoers hanging there was jeering at Him, saying, "Aren't You the Messiah? Save Yourself—and us!"
- 40 But the other one, rebuking him, replied, "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same sentence?
- 41 We're getting what we deserve for our actions, and rightly so—but this One has done nothing wrong."
- 42 And he said, "Yeshua, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
- 43 Yeshua said to him, "Amen, I tell you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Temple Curtain Torn in Two

- 44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour,
- 45 for the sun died out. And the curtain of the Temple was torn in two.

- 46 And *Yeshua*, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, 'into Your hands I entrust My spirit.'" When He had said this, He breathed His last.
- 47 Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began glorifying God, saying, "Truly this was a righteous Man."
- 48 And all the crowds assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had happened, began to turn back, beating their breasts.
- 49 But all *Yeshua*'s acquaintances, and the women who were following Him from the Galilee, were standing at a distance, watching these things.

Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb

- 50 Now there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and righteous man.
- 51 (He had not been in agreement with the council and their action.) He was from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he was waiting for the kingdom of God.
- 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for Yeshua's body.
- 53 And he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut out of the rock, where no one had ever yet been laid.
- 54 Now it was the Day of Preparation, and Shabbat was approaching.
- 55 The women who had come with Him from the Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how His body was laid.
- 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. But on *Shabbat* they rested according to the commandment.

Luke 24

Women Visit the Garden Tomb

- 1 Now on the first day of the week, at daybreak, the women came to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared.
- 2 They found the stone had been rolled away from the tomb;
- 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Yeshua.
- 4 And while they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

- 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you search for the living among the dead?
- 6 He is not here, but He is risen! Remember what He told you when He was still in the Galilee,
- 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be executed, and on the third day rise up."
- 8 And they were reminded of His words.
- 9 And when they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to everyone else.
- 10 Now it was Miriam from Magdala, Joanna, the Miriam of Jacob and others together with them who were telling these things to the emissaries.
- 11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them.
- 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Leaning in, he sees only the linen cloths. And he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

Eyes Open in Emmaus

- 13 Now behold, two of them on that very day were traveling to a village named Emmaus, a distance of about seven miles from Jerusalem.
- 14 They were speaking with one another about all the things that had been happening.
- 15 While they were talking and discussing, *Yeshua* Himself approached and began traveling with them.
- 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him.
- 17 Then He said to them, "What are these things you are discussing with one another as you are walking along?" They stood still, looking gloomy.
- 18 Then the one named Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that happened there in these days?"
- 19 Yeshua said to them, "What kind of things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Yeshua from Natzeret, who was a Prophet, powerful in deed and word before God and all the people—

- 20 how the ruling *kohanim* and our leaders handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they executed Him.
- 21 But we were hoping that He was the One about to redeem Israel. Besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.
- 22 "But also some women among us amazed us. Early in the morning they were at the tomb.
- 23 When they didn't find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said He is alive!
- 24 Some of those with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women said, but they did not see Him."
- 25 *Yeshua* said to them, "Oh foolish ones, so slow of heart to put your trust in all that the prophets spoke!
- 26 Was it not necessary for Messiah to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"
- 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures.
- 28 They approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther on.
- 29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is already gone." So He went in to stay with them.
- 30 And it happened that when He was reclining at the table with them, He took the *matzah*, offered a *bracha* and, breaking it, gave it to them.
- 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from them.

Good News for the Disciples in Jerusalem

- 32 They said to one another, "Didn't our heart burn within us while He was speaking with us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"
- 33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and others with them gathered together,
- 34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!"
- 35 Then they began telling about the events on the road and how He became recognized by them in the breaking of the *matzah* .

- 36 While they were speaking of these things, *Yeshua* Himself stood in the midst of them and said, "*Shalom* Aleichem!"
- 37 But they were startled and terrified, thinking they were seeing a ghost.
- 38 Then He said to them, "Why are you so shaken? And why do doubts arise in your heart?
- 39 Look at My hands and My feet—it is I Myself! Touch Me and see! For a spirit doesn't have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
- 40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.
- 41 But while they were still in disbelief due to joy and wonder, He said to them, "Do you have anything to eat here?"
- 42 They gave Him a piece of broiled fish,
- 43 and He took it and ate it in their presence.
- 44 Then He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you—everything written concerning Me in the *Torah* of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.
- 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
- 46 and He said to them, "So it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
- 47 and that repentance for the removal of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- 48 You are witnesses of these things.
- 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Yeshua Ascends into Heaven

- 50 Then *Yeshua* led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
- 51 And while blessing them, He departed from them and was taken up into heaven.
- 52 After worshiping Him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy.
- 53 And they were continually in the Temple, praising God.

Modeling Servanthood

- 1 Now it was just before the feast of Passover. *Yeshua* knew that His hour had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them until the end.
- 2 While the *seder* meal was happening, the devil had already put in the heart of Judah from Kriot that he should hand over *Yeshua*.
- 3 *Yeshua* knew that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was returning to God.
- 4 So He gets up from the meal and lays aside His outer garment; and taking a towel, He wrapped it around His waist.
- 5 Then He pours water into a basin. He began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel wrapped around Him.
- 6 Then He comes to Simon Peter, who says to Him, "Master, are You going to wash my feet?"
- 7 Yeshua responded, "You don't know what I am doing now, but you will understand after these things."
- 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Yeshua answered him, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with Me."
- 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Master, then not only my feet, but also my hands and my head!"
- 10 Yeshua said to him, "He who has bathed has no need to wash, except the feet; he is completely clean. And you all are clean, though not every one."
- 11 He knew who was betraying Him; for this reason, He said, "Not all of you are clean."
- 12 So after He had washed their feet and put His robe back on and reclined again, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done for you?
- 13 You call Me 'Teacher' and 'Master'—and rightly you say, for I am.
- 14 So if I, your Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash each other's feet.
- 15 I have given you an example—you should do for each other what I have done for you.

- 16 "Amen, amen I tell you, a servant isn't greater than his master, and the one who is sent isn't greater than the one who sent him.
- 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them!"

Yeshua Reveals His Betrayer

- 18 "I am not speaking to all of you—I know whom I have chosen. But so the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.'
- 19 From now on I am telling you, before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I am.
- 20 Amen, *amen* I tell you, he who receives the one I send, receives Me; and he who receives Me, receives the One who sent Me."
- 21 After He said these things, *Yeshua* was agitated in spirit and testified, "Amen, *amen* I tell you, one of you will betray Me!"
- 22 The disciples began looking at each other, perplexed—who was He talking about?
- 23 One of His disciples, whom Yeshua loved, was reclining at His side.
- 24 Simon Peter nods to him and says, "Ask Him—who is He talking about?"
- 25 Then he who leaned on Yeshua's chest says to Him, "Master, who is it?"
- 26 Yeshua answers, "It's the one I will give this bit of matzah to, after I dip it."

After dipping the *matzah*, He takes it and gives it to Judah from Kriot, the son of Simon.

- 27 And with that bit, satan entered into him. Then *Yeshua* tells him, "What you're about to do, do quickly!"
- 28 But no one reclining at the table knew why Yeshua said this to him.
- 29 Since Judah had the moneybox, some thought *Yeshua* was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.
- 30 So after Judah received the bit of *matzah*, he left immediately. Now it was night.

Leaving a Legacy of Love

31 Then when Judah had gone out, *Yeshua* said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him!

- 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him at once.
- 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will search for Me; and just as I told the Judean leaders, so I say to you now, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'
- 34 "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you must love one another.
- 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- 36 "Master, where are You going?" Simon Peter said to Him. *Yeshua* answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow Me later."
- 37 Peter said to Him, "Master, why can't I follow You now? I'll lay down my life for You!"
- 38 Yeshua answers, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Amen, amen I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times!"

The Way to the Father's House

- 1 "Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me.
- 2 In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?
- 3If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you may also be.
- 4 And you know the way to where I am going."
- 5 Thomas said to Him, "Master, we don't know where You are going. How can we know the way?"
- 6 *Yeshua* said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life! No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- 7 If you have come to know Me, you will know My Father also. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him."
- 8 Philip said to Him, "Master, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

- 9 Yeshua said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time, and you haven't come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
- 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on My own; but the Father dwelling in Me does His works.
- 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me—or at least believe because of the works themselves.
- 12 "Amen, amen I tell you, he who puts his trust in Me, the works that I do he will do; and greater than these he will do, because I am going to the Father.
- 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

The Believer's Helper

- 15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.
- 16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper so He may be with you forever—
- 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him. You know Him, because He abides with you and will be in you.
- 18 I will not abandon you as orphans; I will come to you.
- 19 In a little while, the world will no longer behold Me, but you will behold Me. Because I live, you also will live!
- 20 "In that day, you will know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you.
- 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him."
- 22 Judah (not the one from Kriot) said to Him, "Master, what has happened, that You are about to reveal Yourself to us and not the world?"
- 23 *Yeshua* answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him.

- 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words. And the word you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.
- 25 These things I have spoken to you while dwelling with you.
- 26 But the Helper, the *Ruach ha-Kodesh* whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of everything that I said to you.
- 27 "Shalom I leave you, My shalom I give to you; but not as the world gives! Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid.
- 28 You've heard Me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.
- 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe!
- 30 "I will not talk with you much longer, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has nothing on Me.
- 31 But in order that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. "Get up, let's go from here!"

Abiding in the Vine

- 1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener.
- 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He trims so that it may bear more fruit.
- 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
- 4 Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. The branch cannot itself produce fruit, unless it abides on the vine. Likewise, you cannot produce fruit unless you abide in Me.
- 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for apart from Me, you can do nothing.
- 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and is dried up. Such branches are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned.
- 7 "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

- 8 In this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples."
- 9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you. Abide in My love!

 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
- 11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and your joy may be full.
- 12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.
- 13 No one has greater love than this: that he lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.
- 15 "I am no longer calling you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. Now I have called you friends, because everything I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- 16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you. I selected you so that you would go and produce fruit, and your fruit would remain. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.
- 17 "These things I command you, so that you may love one another."

The World Hates God's Own

- 18 "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before you.
- 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. But you are not of the world, since I have chosen you out of the world; therefore the world hates you.
- 20 "Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.
- 21 "But all these things they will do to you for the sake of My name, because they do not know the One who sent Me.
- 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin. But now they have no excuse for their sin.
- 23 "He who hates Me also hates My Father.
- 24 If I had not done works among them that no one else did, they would have no sin. But now they have seen and have hated both Me and My Father.

- 25 So is fulfilled the word written in their Scripture, 'They hated Me for no reason.'
- 26 "When the Helper comes—whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—He will testify about Me.
- 27 And you also testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning."

- 1 "I have spoken these things to you so that you may be kept from stumbling.
- 2 They will throw you out of the synagogues. Yes, an hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.
- 3 They will do these things because they have never known the Father or Me.
- 4 But I have spoken these things to you so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you."

The Ruach Reveals Truth

- 5 "But now I am going to the One who sent Me, and not one of you is asking Me, 'Where are you going?'
- 6 Because I have spoken these things to you, grief has filled your heart.
- 7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away! For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.
- 8 "When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment:
- 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;
- 10 concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me;
- 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
- 12 "I still have much more to tell you, but you cannot handle it just now.
- 13 But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; but whatever He hears, He will tell you. And He will declare to you the things that are to come.

- 14 He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you.
- 15 Everything that the Father has is Mine. For this reason I said the *Ruach* will take from what is Mine and declare it to you."

Death and Resurrection Foretold

- 16 "A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again in a little while, you will see Me."
- 17 Then some of His disciples said to one another, "What does He mean by telling us, 'A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again in a little while, you will see Me'? And, 'Because I am going to the Father'?"
- 18 They kept on saying, "What's this He's saying, 'A little while'? We don't know what He's talking about!"
- 19 Yeshua knew that they wanted to question Him, so He said to them, "Are you asking each other about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again in a little while, you will see Me'?
- 20 Amen, *amen* I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will celebrate. You will be filled with sorrow, but your sorrow will turn to joy!
- 21 "When a woman is in labor, she has pain because her hour has come. But when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, because of the joy that a human being has been born into the world.
- 22 So also you have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you!
- 23 "In that day, you will ask Me nothing. Amen, amen I tell you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you.
- 24 Up to now, you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be full.
- 25 "These things I have spoken to you in metaphors. An hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in metaphors, but will tell you plainly about the Father.
- 26 In that day, you will ask in My name—and I'm not telling you that I will ask the Father on your behalf.
- 27 For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from God.

- 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again I am leaving the world and going to the Father."
- 29 His disciples say, "See, now You're speaking plainly and not in metaphors.
- 30 Now we know that You know everything and have no need to be asked anything. By this we believe that You came forth from God."
- 31 Yeshua answered them, "Do you now believe?
- 32 Look, the hour is coming—indeed has come—when you will be scattered, each to his own, and you will abandon Me. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.
- 33 These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have *shalom*. In the world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world!"

The Son Glorifies the Father

- 1 Yeshua spoke these things; then, lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, so the Son may glorify You.
- 2 Even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, so may He give eternal life to all those You have given Him.
- 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and *Yeshua* the Messiah, the One You sent.
- 4 I glorified You on earth by finishing the work that You have given Me to do.
- 5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world came to be."

Yeshua Prays for His Disciples

- 6 "I have made Your name known to the men of this world that You gave Me.
- They were Yours; You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
- 7 Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You.
- 8 The words, which You gave Me, I have given to them. They received them and truly understood that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me.
- 9 I ask on their behalf. Not on behalf of the world do I ask, but on behalf of those You have given Me, for they are Yours.

- 10 All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.
- 11 I am no longer in the world; but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name that You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We are.
- 12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name that You have given Me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.
- 13 "But now I am coming to You. I say these words while I am still in the world, so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.
- 14 I have given them Your word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world just as I am not of the world.
- 15 I am not asking that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one.
- 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 17 "Make them holy in the truth. Your word is truth.
- 18 Just as You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- 19 And for their sakes I make Myself holy, so that they also may be made holy in truth."

Interceding for All Believers

- 20 "I pray not on behalf of these only, but also for those who believe in Me through their message,
- 21 that they all may be one. Just as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You, so also may they be one in Us, so the world may believe that You sent Me.
- 22 The glory that You have given to Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one—
- 23 I in them and You in Me—that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them as You loved Me.
- 24 "Father, I also want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory—the glory You gave Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
- 25 Righteous Father, the world did not know You, but I knew You; and these knew that You sent Me.

26 I made your Name known to them, and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

John 18

Betrayed and Arrested

- 1 When *Yeshua* had said these things, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.
- 2 Now Judah, who was betraying Him, also knew the place, because *Yeshua* had often met there with His disciples.
- 3 So Judah, having taken a band of soldiers and some officers from the ruling *kohanim* and Pharisees, comes there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.
- 4 Then *Yeshua*, knowing all the things coming upon Him, went forward. He said to them, "Who are you looking for?"
- 5 "Yeshua ha-Natzrati," they answered Him. Yeshua tells them, "I am." Now Judah, the one betraying Him, was also standing with them.
- 6 So when Yeshua said to them, "I am," they drew back and fell to the ground.
- 7 So again He asked them, "Who are you looking for?" And they said, "Yeshuaha-Natzrati."
- 8 Yeshua answered, "I told you, I am! If you're looking for Me, let these men go their way."
- 9 This was so the word would be fulfilled that He spoke: "I did not lose one of those You have given Me."
- 10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the servant of the *kohen gadol*, and cut off his right ear. Now the servant's name was Malchus.
- 11 So Yeshua said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath! The cup the Father has given Me—shall I never drink it?"

Interrogated and Tried

- 12 Then the band of soldiers, with the captain and the officers of the Judeans, seized *Yeshua* and tied Him up.
- 13 They led Him first to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the *kohen gadol* that year.

- 14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Judean leaders that it was better for one man to die on behalf of the people.
- 15 Simon Peter was following *Yeshua* with another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the *kohen gadol*, so he went with *Yeshua* into the court of the *kohen gadol*.
- 16 But Peter was left standing outside by the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the *kohen gadol*, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper and brought Peter in.
- 17 The maidservant at the door says to Peter, "Aren't you one of this Man's disciples too?" He says, "No, I'm not."
- 18 The servants and officers were standing around a fire they had made, because it was cold and they were warming themselves. And Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.
- 19 The kohen gadol then questioned Yeshua about His disciples and His teaching.
- 20 "I have spoken openly to the world," *Yeshua* answered him. "I always taught in the synagogues and the Temple, where all the Jewish people come together. I spoke nothing in secret.
- 21 Why question Me? Ask those who have heard what I spoke to them. Look, they know what I said."
- 22 When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby gave *Yeshua* a slap, saying, "Is that the way you answer the *kohen gadol*?"
- 23 *Yeshua* answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, give evidence of the wrong; but if rightly, why hit Me?"
- 24 Then Annas sent Him, still tied up, to Caiaphas, the kohen gadol .
- 25 Now Simon Peter was standing outside and warming himself. So they said to him, "Aren't you one of His disciples too?" He denied it and said, "No, I'm not!"
- 26 One of the servants of the *kohen gadol*, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with Him?"
- 27 Again Peter denied it, and immediately a rooster crowed.
- 28 Then they led *Yeshua* from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. It was early. They themselves did not enter the Praetorium, so they would not become unclean but might eat the Passover.

- 29 Therefore Pilate came out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?"
- 30 They answered, "If He weren't an evildoer, we wouldn't have handed Him over to you."
- 31 Then Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him by your *Torah*!" The Judean leaders responded, "We are not authorized to put anyone to death."
- 32 This happened so that the word *Yeshua* spoke would be fulfilled, signifying what kind of death He was about to die.
- 33 So Pilate went back into the Praetorium, called for *Yeshua*, and asked Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- 34 "Are you saying this on your own," Yeshua answered, "or did others tell you about Me?"
- 35 Pilate answered, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and ruling *kohanim* handed You over to me! What have You done?"
- 36 Yeshua answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I wouldn't be handed over to the Judean leaders. But as it is, My kingdom is not from here."
- 37 So Pilate said to Him, "Are you a king, then?" *Yeshua* answered, "You say that I am a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, so that I might testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."
- 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" After he said this, he went out again to the Judean leaders. He said to them, "I find no case against Him.
- 39 But it's your custom that I release someone for you at Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"
- 40 They shouted back, "Not this One, but *Bar-Abba*!" Now *Bar-Abba* was a revolutionary.

Bound and Sentenced

- 1 Then Pilate took Yeshua and had Him scourged.
- 2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and dressed Him in a purple robe.

- 3 They kept coming up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and slapping Him over and over.
- 4 Pilate came out again. He said to them, "Look, I'm bringing Him out to you, to let you know that I find no case against Him."
- 5 So *Yeshua* came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. "Behold, the Man!" Pilate said to them.
- 6 When the ruling *kohanim* and officers saw Him, they yelled out, "Execute Him! Execute Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and execute Him! For I don't find a case against Him."
- 7 The Judean leaders answered him, "We have a law, and according to the *Torah* He must die, because He claimed to be *Ben-Elohim*!"
- 8 When Pilate heard this word, he became even more fearful.
- 9 He went into the Praetorium again and said to *Yeshua*, "Where are You from?" But *Yeshua* gave him no answer.
- 10 So Pilate said to Him, "You aren't speaking to me? Don't You know that I have the authority to release You, and I have the authority to crucify You?"
- 11 Yeshua answered, "You would have no authority over Me if it hadn't been given to you from above. For this reason, the one who handed Me over to you has the greater sin."
- 12 Pilate tried to let Him go after this; but the Judean leaders cried out, saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar!"
- 13 So when Pilate heard these words, he brought *Yeshua* out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place called the Stone Pavement (but in Aramaic, Gabbatha).
- 14 It was the Day of Preparation for Passover, about the sixth hour. And Pilate said to the Judean leaders, "Behold, your king!"
- 15 They shouted back, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Execute Him!" Pilate said to them, "Should I execute your king?" The ruling *kohanim* answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"
- 16 Finally, Pilate handed Yeshua over to be crucified.

A Sacrificial Death

- 17 Then they took *Yeshua*. He went out, carrying His own crossbar, to the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.
- 18 There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on each side and *Yeshua* in between.
- 19 Pilate also wrote a sign and put it on the execution stake. It was written, "YESHUA HA-NATZRATI, THE KING OF THE JEWS."
- 20 Many Judeans read this sign, because the place where *Yeshua* was executed was near the city; it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.
- 21 The ruling *kohanim* of the Judeans were saying to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"
- 22 "What I have written, I have written," Pilate answered.
- 23 So the soldiers, when they executed *Yeshua*, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part for each soldier. They took His tunic also, but it was seamless, woven top to bottom in one piece.
- 24 So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be." This was so the Scripture would be fulfilled, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things.
- 25 Standing near the execution stake of *Yeshua* were His mother, His mother's sister, Miriam the wife of Clopas, and Miriam from Magdala.
- 26 Yeshua saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby. He tells His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"
- 27 Then He tells the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that very hour, the disciple took her into his own home.
- 28 After this, when *Yeshua* knew that all things were now completed, to fulfill the Scripture He said, "I am thirsty."
- 29 A jar full of sour wine was sitting there, so they put a sponge soaked with the sour wine on a hyssop branch and brought it to His mouth.
- 30 When *Yeshua* tasted the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.
- 31 It was the Day of Preparation, and the next day was a festival Shabbat. So that the bodies should not remain on the execution stake during Shabbat, the Judean leaders asked Pilate to have the legs broken and to have the bodies taken away.

- 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then the other who had been executed with *Yeshua*.
- 33 Now when they came to *Yeshua* and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.
- 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.
- 35 He who has seen it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.
- 36 These things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not a bone of His shall be broken."
- 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they have pierced."

Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb

- 38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take *Yeshua*'s body away. Joseph was a disciple of *Yeshua*, but secretly for fear of the Judean leaders. Pilate gave permission, so Joseph came and took the body away.
- 39 Nicodemus, who had first visited *Yeshua* at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.
- 40 Then they took the body of *Yeshua* and wrapped it in linen with the spices, as is the Jewish burial custom.
- 41 Now in the place where He was executed, there was a garden. In the garden was a new tomb where no one had yet been buried.
- 42 Because it was the Jewish Day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid *Yeshua* there.

John 20

The Lamb of God is Resurrected

1 Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it is still dark, Miriam from Magdala comes to the tomb. She sees that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

- 2 So she comes running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one *Yeshua* loved. She tells them, "They've taken the Master out of the tomb, and we don't know where they've put Him!"
- 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out, going to the tomb.
- 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and arrived at the tomb first.
- 5 Leaning in, he sees the linen strips lying there. But he didn't go in.
- 6 Then Simon Peter comes following him, and he entered the tomb. He looks upon the linen strips lying there,
- 7 and the face cloth that had been on His head. It was not lying with the linen strips, but was rolled up in a place by itself.
- 8 So then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed.
- 9 For they did not yet understand from Scripture that *Yeshua* must rise from the dead.
- 10 So the disciples went back to their own homes.

Yeshua Appears to Miriam

- 11 But Miriam stood outside the tomb weeping. As she was weeping, she bent down to look into the tomb.
- 12 She sees two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where *Yeshua*'s body had been lying.
- 13 "Woman, why are you crying?" they say to her. She says to them, "Because they took away my Master, and I don't know where they've put Him."
- 14 After she said these things, she turned around. And she sees *Yeshua* standing there. Yet she didn't know that it was *Yeshua*.
- 15 Yeshua says to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" Thinking He's the gardener, she says to Him, "Sir, if You've carried Him away, tell me where You've put Him, and I will take Him away."
- 16 Yeshua says to her, "Miriam!" Turning around, she says to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

- 17 Yeshua says to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet gone up to the Father. Go to My brothers and tell them, 'I am going up to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"
- 18 Miriam from Magdala comes, announcing to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord," and what He had said to her.

Yeshua Appears to the Disciples

- 19 It was evening on that day, the first of the week. When the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Judean leaders, *Yeshua* came and stood in their midst! And He said to them, "Shalom aleichem!"
- 20 After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Yeshua said to them again, "Shalom aleichem! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
- 22 And after He said this, He breathed on them. And He said to them, "Receive the *Ruach ha-Kodesh*!
- 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; but if you hold back, they are held back."
- 24 One of the Twelve, Thomas called the Twin, was not with them when *Yeshua* came.
- 25 The other disciples were saying to him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied to them, "Unless I see the nail prints in His hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand in His side, I will never believe!"
- 26 Eight days later the disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. *Yeshua* comes, despite the locked doors. He stood in their midst and said, "Shalom aleichem!"
- 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe!"
- 28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"
- 29 *Yeshua* said to Him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed? Blessed are the ones who have not seen and yet have believed!"

The Reason for Signs and Wonders

30 Yeshua performed many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these things have been written so that you may believe that *Yeshua* is *Mashiach Ben-Elohim*, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

John 21

Fish for Breakfast with the Risen One

- 1 After these things, *Yeshua* revealed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Now here is how He appeared.
- 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in the Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two of the other disciples were together.
- 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." "We're coming with you too," they said. They went out and got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.
- 4 At dawn, *Yeshua* stood on the beach; but the disciples didn't know that it was *Yeshua*.
- 5 So *Yeshua* said to them, "Boys, you don't happen to have any fish, do you?" "No," they answered Him.
- 6 He said to them, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat, and you'll find some." So they threw the net, and they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.
- 7 Therefore the disciple whom *Yeshua* loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer garment around himself—for he was stripped down for work—and threw himself into the sea.
- 8 But the other disciples came in the boat from about two hundred cubits offshore, dragging the net full of fish.
- 9 So when they got out onto the land, they saw a charcoal fire with fish placed on it, and bread.
- 10 Yeshua said to them, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught."

- 11 Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net to shore. There were 153 fish, many of them big; but the net was not broken.
- 12 Yeshua said to them, "Come, have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing it was the Lord.
- 13 Yeshua comes and takes the bread and gives it to them, and likewise the fish.
- 14 This was now the third time that *Yeshua* was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Love Restores Peter

- 15 When they had finished breakfast, *Yeshua* said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said to Him, "You know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed My lambs!"
- 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "You know that I love You." He said to him, "Take care of My sheep!"
- 17 He said to him a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him for a third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything! You know that I love You!" *Yeshua* said to him, "Feed My sheep!"
- 18 "Amen, amen I tell you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go."
- 19 Now this He said to indicate by what kind of death Peter was going to glorify God. And after this, *Yeshua* said to him, "Follow Me!"
- 20 Peter, turning around, sees the disciple following. This was the one whom *Yeshua* loved, who also had reclined against *Yeshua*'s chest at the *seder* meal and said, "Master, who is the one who is betraying You?"
- 21 Seeing him, Peter said to Yeshua, "Lord, what about him?"
- 22 *Yeshua* said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!"

- 23 Therefore this saying went out among the brothers and sisters, that this disciple would not die. Yet *Yeshua* did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"

 John's Witness
- 24 This is the disciple who is an eyewitness of these things and wrote these things. We know that his testimony is true.
- 25 There are also many other things that *Yeshua* did. If all of them were to be written one by one, I suppose that not even the world itself will have room for the books being written!