

# The ACTS of the Apostles

<sup>1</sup> Indeed, the first account I made about all, O Theophilus, which Jesus began both to be doing and teaching, <sup>2</sup> until which day, having commanded through the Holy Spirit, the apostles whom He chose, He was taken up; <sup>3</sup> to whom also He presented Himself living, after His suffering, by many evidences, being seen by them and speaking the things about the kingdom of God through forty days.

<sup>4</sup> And being congregated together, He charged them not to be separating themselves from Jerusalem, but to be awaiting the promise of the Father, “which you heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> because John indeed immersed in water, but you will be immersed in the Holy Spirit not after many of these days.”

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, those indeed having come together were asking Him, saying, “Lord, at this time are You restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> But He said to them, “It isn’t for you to know times and seasons which the Father placed in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power, the Holy Spirit having come upon you, and you will be witnesses to Me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the end of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> And having said these things, with them watching, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him up from their eyes.

<sup>10</sup> And as they were gazing into the heaven, as He was going, also behold: two men had stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> who also said, “Men, Galileans, why have you stood, looking into the heaven? This Jesus, the One having been taken up from you into the heaven, will thus come in which manner you observed Him going into the heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from a mountain which is being called “of Olives,” which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath’s journey. <sup>13</sup> And when they entered, they ascended into the top chamber where they were residing: both Peter and James, and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas of James. <sup>14</sup> These all were persisting with the same passion in prayer and request with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

<sup>15</sup> And in those days, Peter, having risen up in the midst of the students, said, (and the multitude of names on that very occasion was like a hundred and twenty),

<sup>16</sup> “Men, brothers, it was necessary for this Scripture to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit previously spoke through the mouth of David about Judas, the one having become a guide to those having apprehended Jesus, <sup>17</sup> because he was numbered with us and obtained the lot of this service.” <sup>18</sup> (This one then, indeed, possessed a field from wages of the unrighteousness, and having become swollen, he cracked open in the middle and all his entrails spilled out. <sup>19</sup> And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem, so that that field is called in their own language “Akeldama,” that is, “Field of Blood.”)

<sup>20</sup> “For it has been written in the Book of Psalms, ‘Let his estate be deserted, and let him not be dwelling in it,’ and ‘May a different one be receiving his overseership.’”

<sup>21</sup> Therefore, it is necessary for one of these men, of those having gone with us in every time in which the Lord Jesus went in and went out among us, <sup>22</sup> having begun from the immersion of John until the day in which He was taken up from us, to become a witness with us of His resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> And they put forward two: Joseph, who is called Barsabas who was named Justus, and Matthias.

<sup>24</sup> And having prayed, they said, “You, Lord, Knower of the hearts of all, appoint whom You chose, one of these two, <sup>25</sup> to receive the lot of this service and apostolate from which Judas transgressed to go into his own place.” <sup>26</sup> And they gave their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

## Acts 2

<sup>1</sup> And in the approach of the day of Pentecost, they were all with the same passion upon the same thing. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly a noise occurred from the heaven, as if carried by a violent gale, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And tongues like fire, being distributed, appeared to them, and it sat on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to be speaking with different tongues, just as the Spirit was giving to them to be declaring.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews dwelling in Jerusalem, judicious men from every nation of those under the heaven. <sup>6</sup> So this sound, having occurred, the multitude came together and was confounded because each one was hearing them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> So they were astounded out of their senses and amazed, saying to one another, “Behold: aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how are we each hearing in our own language, in which we were born – <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya which is according to Cyrene, and those visiting Romans, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabians, we are hearing them speaking in our tongues the great things of God?” <sup>12</sup> So all were astounded out of their senses and confused, saying to each other, “What would this be?”

<sup>13</sup> But different ones, scoffing, were saying, “They’re filled with sweet wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, having stood with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them, “Men, Jews, and all those dwelling in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these are not drunk, as you are presuming, for it’s the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is that having been spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘And it will be in the last days, says God, I will pour out from My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams, <sup>18</sup> and even on My male slaves and on My female slaves I will pour out from My Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will give wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below: blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be changed into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming great and apparent Day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And it will be that everyone who may call on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

<sup>22</sup> “Men, Israelites, hear these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a Man having been displayed to you as from God by powers and wonders and signs which God did through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves also have known – <sup>23</sup> this Man, given over by the designated purpose and foreknowledge of God – having taken Him by lawless hands,

having affixed Him to a cross, you executed Him,<sup>24</sup> Whom God raised up, having loosed the birth pains of death, forasmuch as it wasn't possible for Him to be held fast by it.<sup>25</sup> For David is saying relative to Him, 'I was foreseeing the Lord before Me through all things, because He is at My right, so that I shouldn't be shaken.'<sup>26</sup> Because of this My heart was happy and My tongue was glad. But yet also will My flesh reside upon expectation;<sup>27</sup> because You won't forsake My soul in Hades, nor give Your Holy One to see decay.<sup>28</sup> You made known to Me ways of life; You will fill Me with happiness with Your face.'

<sup>29</sup> "Men, brothers, it is permitted to speak with freedom of speech to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is among us until this day.<sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet, and having known that God swore to him with an oath, that out of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,<sup>31</sup> having foreseen, he spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul wasn't forsaken in Hades, nor did His flesh see decay.<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, of which we all are witnesses.<sup>33</sup> Therefore, having been exalted to the right of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you are now seeing and hearing.<sup>34</sup> For David didn't ascend into the heavens, but he himself is saying, 'The Lord said to My Lord, "Sit at My right,<sup>35</sup> until I put Your enemies as a footstool of Your feet.'"

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all the house of Israel safely know that God made this Jesus, Whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ!"

<sup>37</sup> So having heard, they were stabbed in the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "What should we do, men, brothers?"

<sup>38</sup> So Peter was saying to them, "Change your minds and let each of you be immersed upon the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.<sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, and your children, and for all those to far away, as many as the Lord our God should summon."<sup>40</sup> And with many different words he thoroughly testified and was encouraging, saying, "Be saved from this crooked generation."

<sup>41</sup> Therefore, indeed, those having welcomed his word with delight, were immersed, and on that day about three thousand souls were added.<sup>42</sup> So they were persisting in the doctrine of the apostles, and in the fellowship, and in the breaking of the bread, and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> So fear occurred in every soul, and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.<sup>44</sup> So all those believing were upon the same thing, and they were having everything shared,<sup>45</sup> and they were selling their possessions and properties, and distributing them to all, forasmuch as anyone was having need.<sup>46</sup> And daily, persisting with the same passion, in the temple, and breaking bread in each house, they were partaking of food in gladness and earnestness of heart,<sup>47</sup> praising God, and having favor with all the people. But the Lord was daily adding those being saved to the assembly.

## Acts 3

<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John were going up upon the same thing, into the temple, at the hour of prayer, which was the ninth. <sup>2</sup> And a certain man, lame from his mother's womb, was being carried, whom they were daily placing toward the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to be asking alms from those going in, into the temple, <sup>3</sup> who, having seen Peter and John about to be entering into the temple, was asking alms.

<sup>4</sup> But Peter, having gazed on him together with John, said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup> So he was giving attention to them, looking to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "Silver and gold don't belong to me, but that which I am having, I am giving this to you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, be rising and walking!" <sup>7</sup> "And having grabbed his right hand, he raised him up; so instantly his feet and ankles were made firm. <sup>8</sup> And leaping forth, he stood and was walking, and he went in with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup> And they were recognizing him, that this was he sitting for the alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple, and they were filled with astonishment and ecstasy upon that having happened to him.

<sup>11</sup> So, the lame man having been healed, holding on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them on the porch which is called Solomon's, intensely astonished.

<sup>12</sup> So having seen, Peter answered the people, "Men, Israelites, why are you amazed upon this? Or why are you gazing at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him to walk?" <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, Whom you indeed delivered over and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, he having judged to release Him. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a man, a murderer, to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> but you killed the Author of life, Whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And upon the belief of His name, this one whom you are observing and have known, His name made firm. And the belief which is through Him gave to him this completeness before you all. <sup>17</sup> And now, brethren, I have known that you did this according to ignorance, as indeed also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But the things which God previously announced through the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Change your minds therefore, and turn back, for to blot out your sins, in order that seasons of revitalization may come from the presence of the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and He may send the One having been foreappointed for you – Christ Jesus – <sup>21</sup> Whom it is indeed necessary for heaven to receive until times of restoration of all things, of which God spoke through the mouth of all His holy prophets from the age. <sup>22</sup> For Moses indeed said to the fathers, 'The Lord our God will raise up a Prophet for you, like me, out of your brethren. He you will hear according to everything, as many things as He should speak to you. <sup>23</sup> But it will be that every soul who might not hear that Prophet will be exterminated from the people.' <sup>24</sup> But also all the prophets from Samuel and those afterward, as many as spoke, also announced these days. <sup>25</sup> You are sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God conferred toward our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed.' <sup>26</sup> To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him, blessing you, in the turning away of each one from your evils."

## Acts 4

<sup>1</sup> But while they were speaking to the people, the priests and the officers of the temple and the Sadducees stood by them, <sup>2</sup> vexed through their teaching the people and announcing in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they threw their hands upon them and put them in custody for the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those having heard believed the word, and the number of the men became about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup> So it happened on the next day that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of high priestly kindred. <sup>7</sup> And having stood them in the midst, they were inquiring, “In what kind of power or in what kind of name did you do this?”

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, having been filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, <sup>9</sup> if we today are being investigated over a benefit to a weak man, by what means this man has been saved, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, Whom you crucified, Whom God raised from the dead, in this One, this man has been presented before you healthy. <sup>11</sup> This is the Stone, the One having been despised by you, those building, the One having become for the head of a corner. <sup>12</sup> And there isn’t salvation in any other, for neither is there a different name under heaven, having been given among men, in which it is necessary for us to be saved.”

<sup>13</sup> But having observed the boldness of Peter and John, and having apprehended that they were unlettered and unlearned, they were amazed, and were recognizing them, that they were with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But seeing the man who had been healed, having stood with them, they were having nothing to speak against them. <sup>15</sup> But having ordered them to go away outside the council, they were conferring with one another, <sup>16</sup> saying, “What should we do to these men? For, indeed, that a known sign has occurred through them is apparent to all those dwelling in Jerusalem, and we aren’t able to be denying it. <sup>17</sup> But so that it shouldn’t be disseminated upon more to the people, we should threaten them with a threat to be speaking on this name no longer to any person.”

<sup>18</sup> And having called them, they charged them toward not speaking nor teaching at all on the name of Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John, having answered to them, said, “If it is righteous before God to be hearing you rather than God, you judge. <sup>20</sup> For we aren’t able to not be speaking of which we saw and heard.”

<sup>21</sup> But they, having further threatened, released them, finding nothing as to how they should punish them, on account of the people, because all were glorifying God over that having happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man was more than forty years old on whom this sign of the healing had taken place.

<sup>23</sup> So having been released, they went to their own and reported to them as many things as the high priests and the elders said. <sup>24</sup> So those having heard lifted their voices to God with one passion and said, “Master, You are the God having made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them, <sup>25</sup> having said through the mouth of David Your servant, ‘For what purpose did the nations rage, and the people contemplate vain things? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth stood by, and the rulers were gathered together upon the same against the Lord and against His Christ.’ <sup>27</sup> For upon truth, both Herod and Pontius

Pilate with the nations and the people of Israel were gathered together over Your holy Servant Jesus, Whom You anointed, <sup>28</sup> to do as many things as Your hand and Your determination predestined to occur. <sup>29</sup> And the things now, Lord: look upon their threats, and give to Your slaves to be speaking Your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> in Your stretching forth of Your hand for healing and signs and wonders to be taking place through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> And they having petitioned, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and were speaking the word of God with boldness.

<sup>32</sup> Now the heart and the soul of the multitude of those having believed was one, and not one was saying that anything of those things belonging to them was their own, but all things were shared by them. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving forth the testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was on them all. <sup>34</sup> For no one needy was among them; for as many as were owners of fields or houses, selling them, were bringing the values of those things being sold, <sup>35</sup> and were placing them beside the feet of the apostles. So they were distributing to each forasmuch as anyone was having need.

<sup>36</sup> So Joses, the one having been named Barnabas by the apostles (which is being translated “Son of Encouragement”), a Levite, a Cyprian by kindred, <sup>37</sup> having sold a field belonging to him, brought the wealth and placed it beside the feet of the apostles.

## Acts 5

<sup>1</sup> But a certain man, Ananias by name, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession <sup>2</sup> and set aside from the value, his wife also having been privy to it, and having carried a certain part of it, they placed it beside the feet of the apostles.

<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, “Ananias, because of what has Satan filled your heart for you to lie to the Holy Spirit and to set aside from the value of the field? <sup>4</sup> Remaining with you, wasn’t it remaining yours? And having been sold, it was in your authority. Why was it that you placed this business in your heart? You didn’t lie to men, but to God.” <sup>5</sup> But Ananias, hearing these words, having fallen, expired. And great fear came to be on all those hearing these things. <sup>6</sup> So having arisen, the young men wrapped him, and having carried him out, buried him.

<sup>7</sup> But it happened about a three hours interval, also his wife, not having been privy to that having occurred, came in. <sup>8</sup> So Peter answered her, “Tell me if you sold the land for so much.”

So she said “Yes, for so much.”

<sup>9</sup> So Peter said to her, “Why is it that it was agreed by you to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold: the feet of those having buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” <sup>10</sup> So she instantly fell beside his feet and expired. So having entered, the young men found her dead, and having carried her out, they buried her with her husband. <sup>11</sup> And great fear came to be on all the assembly, and on all those hearing these things.

<sup>12</sup> So through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders occurred among the people. And they were all of one passion in the Porch of Solomon. <sup>13</sup> But of the rest, no one was daring to be joining with them, but the people were magnifying them. <sup>14</sup> So more believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so as for

them to be carrying out the sick and placing them on beds and pallets along the streets, so that as Peter was going, perhaps the shadow might overshadow someone of them.

<sup>16</sup> But also the multitude from the surrounding cities was coming together into Jerusalem, carrying the sick and those being vexed under unclean spirits, who were all being healed.

<sup>17</sup> But having risen up, the high priest and all those with him, being the division of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy, <sup>18</sup> and threw their hands on the apostles, and placed them in public custody.

<sup>19</sup> But a messenger of the Lord during the night opened the doors of the prison, and having led them out, said, <sup>20</sup> “Be going, and having stood, be speaking in the temple to the people all the words of this life.” <sup>21</sup> So having heard, they entered under the dawn into the temple and were teaching.

But the high priest and those with him having come, they called together the council and all the senior council of the sons of Israel, and sent forth to the jail to bring them. <sup>22</sup> But the attendants having come, they didn’t find them in the prison. So having returned, they announced, <sup>23</sup> saying, “Indeed we found the jail having been shut in all security, and the guards having stood before the doors, but having opened, we found no one within.” <sup>24</sup> So when they heard these words, both the priest and officer of the temple and the high priests were confused about them, what might come of this.

<sup>25</sup> So having come, someone announced to them, “Behold: the men whom you put in the prison are in the temple, having stood and are teaching the people.” <sup>26</sup> Then, having departed, the officer with the attendants brought them with no violence, for they were fearing of the people, lest they should be stoned. <sup>27</sup> So having brought them, they stood them in the council.

And the high priest interrogated them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “Didn’t we charge you with a charge not to be teaching on this name? And behold: you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and you are determined to bring on us the blood of this man.”

<sup>29</sup> But having answered, Peter and the apostles said, “It is necessary to be obeying God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, Whom you abused, hanging on a tree. <sup>31</sup> This One God exalted to His right as Author and Savior, to give a change of mind to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are His witnesses of these words, but also the Holy Spirit Whom God gave to those obeying Him.”

<sup>33</sup> But those having heard were sawn through, and determining to execute them. <sup>34</sup> But someone in the council, having stood up, a Pharisee, by name Gamaliel, a teacher of law honored by all the people, ordered to put the apostles outside a certain short time.

<sup>35</sup> And he said to them, “Men, Israelites, take heed to yourselves with these men, as to what you are about to be doing. <sup>36</sup> For before these days, Theudas rose up, claiming himself to be someone, to whom was summoned a number of men, about four hundred; who was executed, and all, as many as were being persuaded by him, were dispersed and became as nothing. <sup>37</sup> After this, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the registration, and sufficient people departed after him. That one also was destroyed and all, as many as were being persuaded by him were scattered. <sup>38</sup> And as for the present, I am saying to you, depart from these men and allow them; because if this determination or work should be of men, it will be destroyed. <sup>39</sup> But if it is of God, you aren’t able to destroy it, lest also you should be found battling God.”

<sup>40</sup> So they were persuaded by him, and having summoned the apostles, having thrashed them, they charged them not to be speaking on the name of Jesus, and released them. <sup>41</sup> Then indeed they were going from the presence of the council rejoicing, because they were counted thoroughly worthy to be dishonored in behalf of the name of Jesus. <sup>42</sup> And every day in the temple, and in each house, they weren't ceasing from teaching and announcing Jesus the Christ as the good message.

## Acts 6

<sup>1</sup> Now in those days, the students multiplying, a complaint of the Hellenists occurred toward the Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily service.

<sup>2</sup> So the twelve, having summoned the multitude of the students, said, "It isn't pleasing to us, having left the Word of God, to be serving tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brethren, look for seven men from among you, being testified of by the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we will constitute over this need. <sup>4</sup> But we will persist in the prayer and the service of the word." <sup>5</sup> And this word was pleasing before all the multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of belief and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas a proselyte of Antioch, <sup>6</sup> whom they stood before the apostles, and having prayed, they laid their hands upon them.

<sup>7</sup> And the Word of God was growing, and the number of the students was multiplying extremely in Jerusalem, and a great crowd of the priests were obeying the faith.

<sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, full of belief and power, was doing wonders and great signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> But some of those from the Synagogue which is called "of Libertines" rose up, both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia, debating with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> And they weren't mighty to resist the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

<sup>11</sup> Then they suborned men saying, "We have heard him speaking blasphemous words toward Moses and God." <sup>12</sup> And they excited the people and the elders and the scribes, and having stood by, grabbed him and led him to the council. <sup>13</sup> And they put forth false witnesses, saying, "This man isn't ceasing speaking blasphemous words against the holy place and the law; <sup>14</sup> for we have heard him saying that this Jesus the Nazarene will destroy this place and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us." <sup>15</sup> And having gazed at him, all those sitting in the council saw his face like a face of a messenger.

## Acts 7

<sup>1</sup> And the high priest said, "Are these things so, then?"

<sup>2</sup> So he spoke, "Men, brothers, and fathers, listen. The God of the glory was seen by our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia before his dwelling in Haran, <sup>3</sup> and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your family, and go to a land which I will show you.' <sup>4</sup> Then, having gone out from the land of the Chaldeans, he dwelt in Haran. And from there, after the death of his father, He transported him into this land in which you are now dwelling, <sup>5</sup> and didn't give him inheritance in it, nor a step of a foot, and

promised to give it to him and to his seed after him for a possession, though he had no child. <sup>6</sup> But God spoke thus: that his seed would be a foreigner in another land, and they would enslave and harm it four hundred years. <sup>7</sup> ‘And the nation which they shall slave for I will judge’ said God, ‘and after these things they will come out and minister to Me in this place.’ <sup>8</sup> And He gave him a covenant of circumcision; and so he begat Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs.

<sup>9</sup> “And the patriarchs, having become jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; and God was with him <sup>10</sup> and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he constituted him a ruler over Egypt and his whole house. <sup>11</sup> But a famine came on the whole land of Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers weren’t finding sustenance. <sup>12</sup> But Jacob, having heard that there was wheat in Egypt, sent away our fathers first. <sup>13</sup> And in the second trip Joseph was made known again to his brothers, and the kindred of Joseph became known to the Pharaoh. <sup>14</sup> So having sent, Joseph called for his father Jacob and all the family, in souls seventy-five. <sup>15</sup> So Jacob went down to Egypt. And he died, he and our fathers, <sup>16</sup> and they were conveyed to Shechem, and were placed in the tomb which Abraham purchased for a price of silver from the sons of Hamor, father of Shechem.

<sup>17</sup> “Now just as the time of the promise was nearing which God swore to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt, <sup>18</sup> until a different king rose up who hadn’t known Joseph. <sup>19</sup> This one, having acted cunningly with our kindred, harmed our fathers to make their infants exposed so as not to be preserving them alive. <sup>20</sup> In which season Moses was born, and was cultured for God; who was reared three months in the house of his father. <sup>21</sup> But having been exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up and reared him for herself as a son. <sup>22</sup> And Moses as disciplined in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, so he was capable in words and works. <sup>23</sup> But when a forty year time was being fulfilled for him, it ascended upon his heart to oversee his brethren, the sons of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And having seen someone being wronged, he retaliated and wrought vengeance for the one being oppressed, having struck the Egyptian. <sup>25</sup> But he was assuming his brethren to be understanding that God, through his hand, was giving salvation to them; but those didn’t understand. <sup>26</sup> And on the following day, he appeared to them, as they were fighting, and was trying to reconcile them to peace, having said, ‘Men, you are brothers! Why are you wronging one another?’

<sup>27</sup> “But the one wronging his neighbor pushed him away, having said, ‘Who constituted you a ruler and judge over us?’ <sup>28</sup> You aren’t wanting to execute me the way you executed the Egyptian yesterday?’ <sup>29</sup> So Moses fled at this word, and became a foreigner in the land of Midian, where he begot two sons.

<sup>30</sup> “And having filled forty years, a messenger of the Lord appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai in a flame of fire from a bush. <sup>31</sup> So Moses, having seen, was amazed at the sight; so he, approaching to contemplate it, a voice of the Lord was to him: <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of your fathers; the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ But having become trembling, Moses wasn’t daring to contemplate it. <sup>33</sup> But the Lord said to him, ‘Loose the sandals from your feet, for the place in which you have stood is holy ground. <sup>34</sup> Having seen, I saw the harm of My people who are in Egypt, and I heard their groaning, and I descended to deliver them; and now – here – I will send you forth into Egypt.’ <sup>35</sup> This, the Moses whom they denied, having said, ‘Who constituted you a ruler and judge?’, this one God sent forth as a ruler and ransom by the hand of a

messenger – the one having appeared to him in the bush. <sup>36</sup> This man led them out, having done wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

<sup>37</sup> “This is the Moses, the one having said to the sons of Israel, ‘The Lord our God will raise up a Prophet to you like me, out of your brothers.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the one having been in the assembly in the wilderness with the messenger – the one speaking to him and our fathers on the Mountain Sinai, who received living utterances to give to us, <sup>39</sup> to whom our fathers didn’t want to become obedient, but pushed him away and turned their heart to Egypt, <sup>40</sup> having said to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods who will go before us; for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we haven’t known what has happened to him.’ <sup>41</sup> And they made a calf in those days and brought up a sacrifice to the idol, and were happy in the works of their hands. <sup>42</sup> But God turned and delivered them over to be ministering to the army of the heaven, just as it has been written in the Scroll of the Prophets: ‘You didn’t present slaughtered animals and sacrifices to Me forty years in the wilderness, house of Israel. <sup>43</sup> And you took up the tent of Molech, and the star of your god Remphan, the patterns which you made to be worshiping them. And I will transport you on the farther side of Babylon.’

<sup>44</sup> “The tent of the testimony was with our fathers in the wilderness, just as the One speaking to Moses ordered to make it according to the pattern which he had seen, <sup>45</sup> which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought it in with Joshua into the possession of the nations whom God pushed out from the face of our fathers until the days of David, <sup>46</sup> who found favor before God, and asked to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup> But Solomon built a house for Him. <sup>48</sup> But the Highest doesn’t dwell in handmade sanctuaries; just as the prophet is saying: <sup>49</sup> ‘The heaven is My throne, so the earth is a footstool of My feet; what kind of house will you build for Me, says the Lord, or what is a place of My rest? <sup>50</sup> Didn’t My hand make all these?’

<sup>51</sup> “Hardnecked and uncircumcised in the heart and the ears! You always withstand the Holy Spirit, as your fathers, you also. <sup>52</sup> Whom of the prophets didn’t your fathers persecute? And they killed those having previously announced about the advent of the Righteous One, of Whom now you have become betrayers and murderers, <sup>53</sup> who received the law from orders of messengers, and didn’t guard it.”

<sup>54</sup> But hearing these things, they were sawn through in their hearts, and were gnashing the teeth against him. <sup>55</sup> But being full of the Holy Spirit, having gazed into the heaven, he saw glory from God and Jesus having stood at the right of God, <sup>56</sup> and he said, “Behold: I am observing the heavens having been opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right of God!” <sup>57</sup> But having cried out with a great voice, they held their ears together and rushed at him with the same passion; <sup>58</sup> and having thrown him out outside the city, they were stoning him. And the witnesses put off their garments beside the feet of a young man called Saul. <sup>59</sup> And they were stoning Stephen, as he was calling on the Lord and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> And having knelt down, he cried with a great voice, “Lord, may this sin not stand against them.” And having said this, he fell asleep.

## Acts 8

<sup>1</sup> Now Saul was consenting to his execution. So in that day a great persecution occurred upon the assembly which was in Jerusalem; so all were dispersed throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup> So judicious men interred Stephen and made great bewailing over him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul was abusing the assembly, going in house to house, dragging both men and women, he was delivering them into prison.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore indeed, those having been dispersed went about announcing the good message of the Word. <sup>5</sup> So Philip, having gone down into a city of Samaria, was proclaiming the Christ to them. <sup>6</sup> And the crowds were giving attention with the same passion to the things being said by Philip, in their hearing and seeing the signs which he was doing. <sup>7</sup> For from many of those having unclean spirits, shouting with a great voice, they were coming out, and many having been paralyzed and lame were healed. <sup>8</sup> And great joy occurred in that city.

<sup>9</sup> Now a certain man, by name Simon, was previously in the city practicing magic and astounding the nation of Samaria out of their senses, claiming himself to be someone great, <sup>10</sup> to whom they were giving attention from small to great, saying, "This one is the great power of God." <sup>11</sup> But they were giving attention to him because of the sufficient time that he had astounded them out of their senses with the magic. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip, having announced the good message of the things about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were being immersed. <sup>13</sup> But Simon himself also believed, and having been immersed, he was persisting with Philip, and observing the powers and signs occurring, he was astounded out of his senses.

<sup>14</sup> So the apostles in Jerusalem, having heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent forth to them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who having went down, prayed concerning them so that they should receive the Holy Spirit; <sup>16</sup> for He wasn't yet having fallen on any of them, but they were only having been immersed into the name of Christ Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they were laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup> But Simon, having observed that the Holy Spirit was being given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, he offered wealth to them, <sup>19</sup> saying, "Give to me also this authority, so that on whomever I should lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit."

<sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, "May your silver be with you in destruction, because you assumed to be possessing the gift of God through wealth. <sup>21</sup> There isn't part nor portion for you in this word. For your heart isn't straight before God. <sup>22</sup> Change your mind, therefore, from this your badness, and petition God if then the intention of your heart will be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I'm seeing you being in the bile of bitterness and bond of unrighteousness."

<sup>24</sup> So having answered, Simon said, "You petition to the Lord for me, so that nothing should come upon me of which you have said."

<sup>25</sup> Then they, having thoroughly testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they were returning to Jerusalem, and announcing the good message to many villages of the Samaritans.

<sup>26</sup> But a messenger of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Rise up and be going at midday on the road which descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a wilderness. <sup>27</sup> And having risen up, he went; and behold: a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch, a powerful official of Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her royal treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to be worshipping, <sup>28</sup> and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Now the Spirit said to Philip, “Approach and join this chariot.”

<sup>30</sup> So having run toward it, Philip heard him reading the prophet Isaiah and said, “So, are you knowing what you’re reading?”

<sup>31</sup> But he said, “For how could I, unless someone should guide me?” And he encouraged Philip, having come up, to sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture which he was reading was this: “As a sheep for slaughter He was led; and as a lamb before the one shearing it is silent, thus He isn’t opening His mouth. <sup>33</sup> In His humility, His judgment was taken away. But who will recount His generation? Because His life is being taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> So having answered, the eunuch said to Philip, “I’m asking you about whom the prophet is saying this. About himself, or about some other?” <sup>35</sup> So Philip, having opened his mouth and having begun from this Scripture, announced to him the good message – Jesus! <sup>36</sup> But as they were going down the road, they came upon some water, and the eunuch said, “Behold: water. What is hindering me to be immersed?” <sup>38</sup> And he ordered the chariot to stand, and both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he immersed him. <sup>39</sup> But when they went up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched up Philip, and the eunuch saw him no more, for he was going his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip was found at Azotus, and passing through, he was announcing the good message to all the cities until his coming to Caesarea.

## Acts 9

<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still inhaling threat and murder to the students of the Lord, having approached the high priest, <sup>2</sup> requested from him letters to Damascus, to the synagogues, that if he should find any being of the Way, both men and women, having bound them, he should bring them to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> But in his going, it happened for him to be nearing Damascus, and unexpectedly a light from the heaven flashed around him, <sup>4</sup> and having fallen on the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

<sup>5</sup> So he said, “Who are you, lord?”

So the Lord said, “I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But stand up and enter into the city, and it will be spoken to you what it is necessary for you to be doing.” <sup>7</sup> But the men – those traveling with him – had stood speechless, hearing the voice, but observing no one. <sup>8</sup> So Saul arose from the ground, and his eyes having been opened, he was seeing no one, but leading him by the hand, they led him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And he was three days not seeing, and he didn’t eat nor drink.

<sup>10</sup> Now a certain student was in Damascus, by name Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.”

So he said, “Behold: here I am, Lord!”

<sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Having arisen, go on the alley which is called 'Straight' and seek in a house of Judas, for Saul, by name, of Tarsus; for behold: he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he saw in a vision a man, by name Ananias, having entered and placed a hand on him in order that he might see again."

<sup>13</sup> So Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how many bad things he did to Your holy ones in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he is having authority from the high priests to bind all those calling on Your name."

<sup>15</sup> So the Lord said to him, "Be going, because this one is a chosen vessel to Me for to bear My name before nations, and kings, and sons of Israel; <sup>16</sup> for I will show to him how many things it is necessary for him to suffer on behalf of My name."

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered into the house, and having laid hands on him, he said, "Saul, brother, the Lord has sent me forth, the One having appeared to you in the way which you were coming, in order that you should see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like peelings of skin fell away from his eyes, and he saw again, and having risen up, he was immersed. <sup>19</sup> And having received food, he was strengthened.

So Saul was with the students in Damascus three days. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he was proclaiming the Christ in the synagogues, that this is the Son of God.

<sup>21</sup> So all those hearing were astounded out of their senses and were saying, "Isn't this the one having devastated those calling on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for this: so that, having bound them, he should lead them on to the high priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul was being empowered more and was confounding the Jews who were dwelling in Damascus, instructing that this is the Christ.

<sup>23</sup> But when sufficient days were fulfilled, the Jews counseled together to execute him; <sup>24</sup> but their plot was known to Saul. And they were intently watching the gates both day and night in order that they might execute him. <sup>25</sup> But the students having taken him at night, they lowered him through the wall, having let him down in a basket.

<sup>26</sup> Now Saul having come in Jerusalem, he was testing to be joining with the students; and all were fearing him, not believing that he was a student. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas having laid hold of him, led him to the apostles and recounted to them how in the way he saw the Lord and that He spoke to him, and how in Damascus he spoke openly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup> And he was going in with them into Jerusalem <sup>29</sup> and speaking openly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and he was speaking and questioning together with the Hellenists; but they were taking in hand to execute him. <sup>30</sup> But having recognized it, the brethren brought him down to Caesarea and sent him forth to Tarsus.

<sup>31</sup> Then indeed, the assemblies throughout the whole of Judea and Galilee and Samaria were having peace, being built up, and going in the fear of the Lord and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplying.

<sup>32</sup> Now it happened, Peter, going through all areas, he went down also to the holy ones who were dwelling at Lydda. <sup>33</sup> Now he found there a certain man, Aeneas by name, lying down on a pallet, having been paralyzed for eight years. <sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ is healing you; be rising up and spread your bed for yourself." And immediately he stood up. <sup>35</sup> And all those dwelling at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> Now a certain student was in Joppa, by name Tabitha, which being interpreted is called Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of mercy which she was doing.

<sup>37</sup> But it happened in those days, having become sick, she died. So having washed her, they put her in a top chamber. <sup>38</sup> But Lydda being near to Joppa, the students having heard that Peter was in it, they sent forth to him, imploring him that he shouldn't delay to come over to them. <sup>39</sup> So having arisen, Peter went with them; whom, having come, they led up into the top chamber, and all the widows stood beside him, wailing and showing tunics and garments, as many as Gazelle was making while being with them.

<sup>40</sup> But having put them all outside, Peter, having bowed the knees, prayed; and having turned toward the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." So she opened her eyes and having seen Peter, sat up. <sup>41</sup> So having given to her his hand, he raised her up; and having called the holy ones and the widows, he presented her living. <sup>42</sup> So it became known throughout the whole of Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. <sup>43</sup> But it came about for him to stay considerable days in Joppa with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## Acts 10

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, by name Cornelius, a centurion of the cohort which is called Italian, <sup>2</sup> pious and fearing God with all his house, and doing many acts of mercy for the people, and petitioning God through all things.

<sup>3</sup> He manifestly saw in a vision about the ninth hour of the day, a messenger of God having entered toward him and having said to him, "Cornelius."

<sup>4</sup> So he, having gazed at him and having become afraid, he said, "What is it, lord?"

So he said to him, "Your prayers and your acts of mercy ascended for a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup> And now, send men into Joppa and send for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup> This man is being hosted by a certain Simon, a tanner, to whom is a house beside the sea." <sup>7</sup> So when the messenger who was speaking to Cornelius departed, having called two of his domestic servants and a pious soldier of those persisting with him, <sup>8</sup> and having explained to them all things, he sent them forth to Joppa.

<sup>9</sup> So on the next day, those journeying and nearing the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray at about the sixth hour. <sup>10</sup> But he became intensely hungry and was wanting to taste some food. But while they were preparing, an ecstasy fell upon him, <sup>11</sup> and he was observing the heaven having been opened, and a certain vessel like a great linen cloth descending upon him, it having been bound by four corners and lowered upon the earth; <sup>12</sup> in which were all the tetrapods of the earth, and the beasts, and the reptiles, and the birds of the heaven.

<sup>13</sup> And a voice came to him, "Arise, Peter, slaughter and eat."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter said, "Not at all, Lord! Because I never ate anything common or unclean."

<sup>15</sup> And a voice again; of a second time to him: "That which God cleansed, don't you be making common."

<sup>16</sup> But this happened upon three times, and the vessel was taken up again into the heaven.

<sup>17</sup> So as Peter was being confused within himself as to what the vision which he saw might be, also behold: the men who had been sent forth from Cornelius, having found the house of Simon through questioning, stood at the gate, <sup>18</sup> and having called, they were inquiring if Simon who is called Peter was hosted there.

<sup>19</sup> But Peter, pondering about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold: men seeking you. <sup>20</sup> But having arisen, descend and be going with them, doubting nothing, because I have sent them.”

<sup>21</sup> So Peter, having gone down to the men, said, “Behold: I am whom you are seeking. What is the reason for which you are here?”

<sup>22</sup> So they said, “Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous man, and fearing God, and being testified of by the whole nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy messenger to send for you to his house and to hear words from you.” <sup>23</sup> Therefore, having invited them in, he hosted them.

So on the next day, Peter went out with them, and some of the brothers – those from Joppa – went with him. <sup>24</sup> And on the next day, they entered into Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup> But when it happened that Peter entered, Cornelius having met him, having fallen at his feet, worshiped.

<sup>26</sup> But Peter raised him up, saying, “Stand up! I am also myself a man.” <sup>27</sup> And conversing with him, he went in and found many having come together. <sup>28</sup> And he said to them, “You are knowing how unlawful it is for a man, a Jew, to be joining or approaching one of another nationality, and God showed to me to be calling no man common or unclean; <sup>29</sup> so I also came with no objection, having been sent for. I am inquiring therefore for what reason you sent for me?”

<sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, “From the fourth day until this hour I was fasting, and the ninth hour praying in my house, and behold: a man stood before me in a bright robe <sup>31</sup> and was speaking, ‘Cornelius, your prayer was heeded and your acts of mercy were remembered before God. <sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppa and call for Simon who is called Peter. This man is hosted in the house of Simon, a tanner, beside the sea; who having come, will speak to you.’ <sup>33</sup> At once, therefore, I sent to you, and you did well, having come. Now then, we all are present before God to hear all that having been prescribed for you by God.”

<sup>34</sup> And Peter, opening his mouth, said, “In truth I am comprehending that God is not One Who shows partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation the one fearing Him and working righteousness is acceptable to Him.

<sup>36</sup> “The message which He sent forth to the sons of Israel, announcing a good message of peace through Jesus Christ – He is Lord of all – <sup>37</sup> that word you know, which was throughout the whole of Judea, beginning from Galilee after the immersion which John proclaimed: Jesus of Nazareth – <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and power, Who went about working good and healing all those being oppressed under the slanderer, because God was with Him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all which He did, both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem; Whom also they executed, hanging Him on a tree. <sup>40</sup> This One God raised on the third day and gave Him to become visible, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people, but to witnesses, the ones having been previously hand-picked by God, to us who ate and drank together with Him after His rising from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And He charged us to proclaim to the people and to thoroughly testify that He is the One having been

declared by God to be judge of living and of dead. <sup>43</sup> To this One all the prophets testify that everyone believing in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

<sup>44</sup> Peter yet speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those hearing the word. <sup>45</sup> And those believing of the circumcision, as many as went with Peter, were astounded out of their senses, because on the nations also the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter answered, <sup>47</sup> “No one is being able to forbid water for these not to be immersed, who also received the Holy Spirit just as we.” <sup>48</sup> And he prescribed them to be immersed in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to remain some days.

## Acts 11

<sup>1</sup> So the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the nations also received the Word of God. <sup>2</sup> And when Peter went up to Jerusalem, those from the circumcision were disputing with him, <sup>3</sup> saying, “You went in to men having uncircumcision and ate together with them.”

<sup>4</sup> But having begun, Peter was setting forth to them in consecutive order, saying, <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and I saw in an ecstasy a vision: a certain vessel like a great linen cloth descending, being lowered by four corners from the heaven, and it came as far as me, <sup>6</sup> on which, having gazed, I was contemplating, and saw the tetrapods of the earth, and the beasts, and the reptiles, and the birds of the heaven. <sup>7</sup> Now I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Arise, Peter, slaughter and eat.’ <sup>8</sup> But I said, ‘Not at all, Lord! Because nothing common or unclean ever entered into my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> But a voice answered me of a second time from the heaven: ‘That which God cleansed, don’t you be making common.’ <sup>10</sup> But this happened upon three times and all things were pulled up again into the heaven. <sup>11</sup> And behold: at once three men stood at the house in which I was, having been sent forth from Caesarea to me. <sup>12</sup> But the Spirit said to me to go with them, doubting nothing. But these six brothers also went with me, and we entered into the house of the man. <sup>13</sup> And he reported to us how he saw the messenger, having stood in his house and having said to him, ‘Send forth men into Joppa, and send for Simon who is called Peter, <sup>14</sup> who will speak words to you by which you will be saved, and all your house.’ <sup>15</sup> And in my beginning to be speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as also on us in the beginning. <sup>16</sup> So I remembered the word of the Lord, how He was saying, ‘John, indeed, immersed in water, but you will be immersed in the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If then, God gave to them the equal gift as also to us, having believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, now who was I to be able to forbid God?”

<sup>18</sup> So, having heard these things, they were silent, and glorified God, saying, “Then also to the nations God gave the change of mind unto life.”

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, indeed, those having been dispersed from the affliction which had occurred over Stephen went about as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews only. <sup>20</sup> But some of them were men, Cypriots and Cyrenians, who, having entered into Antioch, were speaking to the Hellenists, announcing the good message of the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number, having believed, turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> So the word about them was heard in the ears of the assembly which is in Jerusalem, and they sent forth Barnabas to pass through as far as Antioch; <sup>23</sup> who, having gone and seen the grace of God,

rejoiced, and was encouraging all to be continuing with the Lord with purpose of the heart,<sup>24</sup> because he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and belief. And a sufficient crowd was added to the Lord.<sup>25</sup> Now Barnabas went out to Tarsus to search for Saul.<sup>26</sup> And having found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it happened for them to be gathered a whole year with the assembly and to teach a sufficient crowd, and for the students to be divinely designated “Christians” first in Antioch.

<sup>27</sup> So in these days prophets went down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> Now one of them, by name Agabus, having stood up, signified, through the Spirit, a great famine about to be on the whole inhabited earth, which also happened in the reign of Claudius Caesar. <sup>29</sup> So the students, just as anyone was having provisions, designated each of them for service to send to those brethren dwelling in Judea;<sup>30</sup> which they also did, having sent it forth to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## Acts 12

<sup>1</sup> Now at that season Herod the king laid hands on some of those from the assembly to do harm. <sup>2</sup> So he executed James the brother of John with a sword. <sup>3</sup> And having seen that it was pleasing to the Jews, he added to that to apprehend Peter also (now these were the days of Unleavened Bread), <sup>4</sup> whom also having arrested, he put him into prison, having delivered him to four four-man guards of soldiers to be guarding him, determining to bring him up to the people after the Passover.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore Peter was kept in the prison, but earnest prayer was occurring by the assembly, to God, for him. <sup>6</sup> But when Herod was about to bring him forth, that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, having been bound with two chains, and guards before the door were keeping the prison.

<sup>7</sup> And behold: a messenger of the Lord stood there, and a light shined in the cell. So having struck the side of Peter, he roused him, saying, “Stand up with speed.” And his chains fell off from his hands. <sup>8</sup> And the messenger said to him, “Gird yourself, and put on your sandals.” So he did so. And he said to him, “Throw your garment around yourself and be following me.” <sup>9</sup> And having exited, he was following him. And he hadn’t known that that happening through the messenger was true, but he was supposing that he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> But having gone through the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate, the one carrying one into the city, which opened by itself to them, and having exited, they went forth one alley and immediately the messenger withdrew from him.

<sup>11</sup> And Peter, having come to himself, said, “Now I have known truly that the Lord sent forth His messenger and delivered me out of the hand of Herod and all the anticipation of the people of the Jews.” <sup>12</sup> And having become aware of this, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John who is called Mark, where sufficient were convened and praying. <sup>13</sup> So Peter, having knocked on the door of the gate, a servant girl, by name Rhoda, approached to respond. <sup>14</sup> And having recognized the voice of Peter, she didn’t open the gate from the joy, but having run in, she reported Peter to have stood before the gate.

<sup>15</sup> But they said to her, “You’re insane.” But she was strongly asserting that it was so. But they were saying, “It’s his messenger.” <sup>16</sup> But Peter was continuing knocking. So having opened, they saw him and were astounded out of their senses.

<sup>17</sup> But having shaken his hand downward to them to be silent, he recounted to them how the Lord led him out of the prison. So he said, “Report these things to James and the brethren.” And having exited, he went to a different place. <sup>18</sup> But having become day, there was not a little agitation among the soldiers, as to what then became of Peter. <sup>19</sup> So Herod, having sought for him and not having found him, having investigated the guards, ordered them to be led away. And having gone down from Judea into Caesarea, he was spending time there.

<sup>20</sup> But Herod was angrily fighting with the Tyrians and Sidonians, and they were present with the same passion toward him. And having persuaded Blastus, the one over the bedroom of the king, they were requesting peace, because of their region being fed from the royal maintenance. <sup>21</sup> So on an appointed day, Herod, having clothed himself in royal robes, and having sat on the judgment dais, was delivering an oration to them.

<sup>22</sup> Now the populace was yelling, “A voice of a god, and not a man!” <sup>23</sup> But instantly a messenger of the Lord struck him, against which he didn’t give glory to God, and having become eaten of worms, he expired.

<sup>24</sup> But the Word of God was growing and multiplying.

<sup>25</sup> Now Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, having fulfilled their service, having also taken along with them John having been called Mark.

### Acts 13

<sup>1</sup> Now there were some of the assembly there in Antioch, prophets and teachers, both Barnabas and Simeon (the one being called Niger), and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen (foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch), and Saul.

<sup>2</sup> Now they, ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Separate, indeed, to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work which I have summoned them to.” <sup>3</sup> Then, having fasted, and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they released them.

<sup>4</sup> These, indeed, therefore, having been sent out under the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia. But from there they sailed away to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup> And having arrived in Salamis, they were announcing the Word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; but they were also having John as an attendant. <sup>6</sup> But having gone through the island until Paphos, they found a certain magician, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, <sup>7</sup> who was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man, having summoned Barnabas and Saul, sought to hear the Word of God. <sup>8</sup> But Elymas the magician (for so his name is being translated) was resisting them, seeking to distort the proconsul from the faith.

<sup>9</sup> But Saul, who is also Paul, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and having gazed at him, <sup>10</sup> said, “O full of all deceit and all roguish trifling, son of a slanderer, enemy of all righteousness! You won’t cease distorting the straight ways of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And now, behold: a hand of the Lord upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun until a season.” So instantly a dimming of sight and darkness fell on him, and going about, he was seeking some who would lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup> Then the proconsul, having seen that having happened, believed, being astonished upon the doctrine of the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> But having launched from Paphos, those around Paul went into Perga of Pamphylia. But John, having departed from them, returned to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> But they, having gone through from Perga, went to Antioch of Pisidia, and having entered into the

synagogue on the day of the Sabbath, sat down. <sup>15</sup> But after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent forth to them, saying, “Men, brothers, if there is a word of encouragement in you for the people, be speaking.”

<sup>16</sup> So Paul, having risen up, and shaking his hand downward, said, “Men, Israelites, and those fearing God, listen. <sup>17</sup> The God of this people chose our fathers and lifted up the people in the sojourn in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm He led them out from it. <sup>18</sup> And for about a forty year time He bore their manner in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup> And having brought down seven nations in the land of Canaan, He passed down their land as an inheritance to them. <sup>20</sup> And after these things, for about four hundred and fifty years, He gave judges until Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup> And then they requested a king, and God gave them Saul, son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, forty years. <sup>22</sup> And having removed him, He raised up for them David as king, for whom He also said, having testified, ‘I found David the son of Jesse, a man according to My heart, who will do all My wishes.’ <sup>23</sup> God, from the seed of this man, according to promise, brought salvation to Israel, <sup>24</sup> John having previously proclaimed an immersion of a change of mind to Israel, before the face of His entrance. <sup>25</sup> But as John was fulfilling his racecourse, he said, ‘Whom are you assuming me to be? I am not. But behold: there comes after me One, of Whom I am not worthy to loose the sandal of His feet.’

<sup>26</sup> “Men, brothers, sons of the kindred of Abraham, and those among you fearing God, to you the word of this salvation was sent forth. <sup>27</sup> For those dwelling in Jerusalem and their rulers, not knowing this and the voices of the Prophets which are read according to every Sabbath, having judged Him, they fulfilled them. <sup>28</sup> And finding no reason for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He be executed. <sup>29</sup> Now when they had finished doing all the things having been written about Him, taking Him down from the tree, they put Him into a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised Him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> Who was seen for many days by those going up with Him from Galilee into Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. <sup>32</sup> And we are announcing a good message to you – the promise to the fathers having happened – <sup>33</sup> that God has thoroughly fulfilled this to their children, to us, raising up Jesus, as also in the second psalm it has been written: ‘You are My Son; today I have begotten You.’ <sup>34</sup> But because He raised Him from the dead, no longer being about to be returning to decay, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give to You the faithful holy things of David.’ <sup>35</sup> Therefore also in a different place, He is saying, ‘You won’t give Your Holy One to see decay.’ <sup>36</sup> For indeed, David, having attended to his own generation in the determination of God, fell asleep, and was added to his fathers, and saw decay. <sup>37</sup> But He Whom God raised didn’t see decay. <sup>38</sup> Therefore, let it be known to you, men, brothers, that through this One forgiveness of sins is announced to you; <sup>39</sup> and from all from which you weren’t able to be made righteous in the Law of Moses, in this One, everyone believing is made righteous. <sup>40</sup> Be watching out, therefore, lest that having been spoken in the Prophets come upon you: <sup>41</sup> ‘Behold, the despisers, and be amazed and vanish, because I am working a work in your days which you certainly won’t believe if someone should be thoroughly narrating it to you.’”

<sup>42</sup> Now when they were outside the synagogue of the Jews, the Gentiles were pleading for these words to be spoken to them the time between the Sabbath. <sup>43</sup> But the synagogue having been dismissed, many of the Jews and of the venerating proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were persuading them to stay with the grace of God.

<sup>44</sup> And on the next Sabbath, almost all the city was gathered to hear the Word of God. <sup>45</sup> But the Jews, having seen the crowds, were filled with jealousy, and were contradicting those things being said by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

<sup>46</sup> But Paul and Barnabas, having spoken boldly, said, "It was necessary for the Word of God to be spoken to you first. But since you are pushing it away and judging yourselves not worthy of everlasting life, behold: we are turning to the nations." <sup>47</sup> For thus the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set You for a light of nations; for Your being for salvation unto the end of the earth.' <sup>48</sup> But the nations, hearing, were rejoicing and glorifying the Word of the Lord, and as many as had been assigned to everlasting life believed. <sup>49</sup> Now the Word of the Lord was being carried throughout the whole region. <sup>50</sup> But the Jews incited the venerating and prominent women, and the principal people of the city, and raised up persecution upon Paul and Barnabas, and threw them out of their borders. <sup>51</sup> But having shaken off the dust of their feet against them, they went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup> Now the students were being filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

#### Acts 14

<sup>1</sup> But according to the same, it occurred that they entered into the synagogue of the Jews in Iconium and spoke thus: so that a great multitude of both Jews and Greeks believed. <sup>2</sup> But the unpersuaded Jews incited and harmed the souls of the nations against the brothers. <sup>3</sup> Therefore they spent sufficient time indeed, speaking boldly upon the Lord, He testifying to the word of His grace, giving signs and wonders to take place through their hands. <sup>4</sup> But the multitude of the city was split, and some were with the Jews, but others with the apostles. <sup>5</sup> But when there occurred an impulse of both nations and Jews, with their rulers, to insultingly treat and to stone them, <sup>6</sup> having been aware of it, they fled to the cities of Lycaonia: Lystra and Derbe, and the vicinity, <sup>7</sup> and there they were announcing the good message.

<sup>8</sup> And a certain man in Lystra, impotent in the feet, was sitting, being lame from his mother's womb, who never walked. <sup>9</sup> This man was hearing Paul speaking, who having gazed at him and seen that he had belief for to be saved, <sup>10</sup> said with a great voice, "Stand up straight on your feet." And he was leaping and walking.

<sup>11</sup> But the crowds, having seen what Paul did, raised their voice in Lycaonian, saying, "The gods, having been made like men, descended to us." <sup>12</sup> And they were calling Barnabas Zeus, but Paul Hermes, since he was the one leading in the Word. <sup>13</sup> So the priest of Zeus, whose statue was before the city, having borne bulls and garlands to the gates, was wanting to sacrifice with the crowds.

<sup>14</sup> But the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, having heard, having torn their garments, rushed into the crowd, crying out <sup>15</sup> and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like sufferings with you, announcing a good message for you to turn from these, the futile things, to the living God Who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and all that which is in them, <sup>16</sup> Who in the by-gone generations allowed all the nations to be going in their ways. <sup>17</sup> Although He didn't leave Himself witnessless, doing good, giving to you rains from heaven and fruitbearing seasons, filling up our hearts with food and happiness." <sup>18</sup> And saying these things, they scarcely stopped the crowds from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup> But Jews from Antioch and Iconium came upon them, and having persuaded the crowds, and having stoned Paul, they were dragging him outside the city, having assumed him to have died. <sup>20</sup> But the students having encircled him, having stood up, he entered into the city. And on the next day he went out with Barnabas to Derbe.

<sup>21</sup> And having announced the good message to that city and having made sufficient students, they returned to Lystra, and Iconium, and Antioch, <sup>22</sup> intensively stabilizing the souls of the students, encouraging them to be continuing in the faith, and saying that through many afflictions it is necessary for us to enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>23</sup> But having hand-picked elders for them, according to an assembly, having prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord in Whom they had believed.

<sup>24</sup> And having gone through Pisidia, they went to Pamphylia. <sup>25</sup> And having spoken the Word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. <sup>26</sup> And from there they sailed away to Antioch, from where they were, having been delivered to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. <sup>27</sup> So having come and gathered the assembly, they reported as much as God did with them, and that He opened a door of belief for the nations. <sup>28</sup> So they were spending not a little time there with the students.

## Acts 15

<sup>1</sup> And certain ones, having come down from Judea, were teaching the brethren that if you aren't being circumcised in the custom of Moses, you aren't able to be saved.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore, not a little dissension and dispute having occurred with Paul and with Barnabas against them, they arranged for Paul and Barnabas and certain others from them to be going up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this disputation. <sup>3</sup> So they, therefore, having been sent forward under the assembly, were going through Phoenicia and Samaria, thoroughly narrating the conversion of the nations, and they were causing great joy for all the brethren. <sup>4</sup> So having arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the assembly, and the apostles, and the elders, and they reported as many things as God did with them.

<sup>5</sup> But some of those from the division of the Pharisees having believed, rose up, saying, "It is necessary to be circumcising them and to be charging them to be keeping the law of Moses."

<sup>6</sup> So the apostles and the elders gathered to be seeing about this word.

<sup>7</sup> But much debate having taken place, Peter standing up, said to them, "Men, brothers, you are knowing that from the beginning days God chose among us that through my mouth the nations would hear the word of the good message and believe. <sup>8</sup> And the Knower of the hearts – God – testified to them, having given to them the Holy Spirit just as also to us, <sup>9</sup> and separated nothing between both us and them, having purified their hearts by belief. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, why are you testing God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the students which neither our fathers nor we were mighty to carry? <sup>11</sup> But through the grace of the Lord Jesus we are believing to be saved, according to which manner they also."

<sup>12</sup> So all the multitude was silent and was listening to Barnabas and Paul, explaining as many signs and wonders as God did through them among the nations.

<sup>13</sup> So after their being silent, James answered, saying, “Men, brothers, hear me. <sup>14</sup> Simon explained how God first oversaw to take from the nations a people upon His name. <sup>15</sup> And with this the words of the prophets are agreeing, just as it has been written, <sup>16</sup> ‘After these things I will return and rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen, and I will rebuild those things of it having been dug into, and I will straighten it up; <sup>17</sup> in order that the remainder of men should seek out the Lord, and all the nations in whom My name has been called on them, says the Lord, the One doing all these things.’ <sup>18</sup> All His works are known to God from the age. <sup>19</sup> Therefore I am judging not to be intensively vexing those from the nations turning to God any further, <sup>20</sup> but to write a letter to them to be abstaining from the contaminations of the idols, and fornication, and the choked thing, and the blood. <sup>21</sup> For Moses is having those proclaiming him from beginning generations, in every city, being read in the synagogues according to every Sabbath.”

<sup>22</sup> Then it seemed best to the apostles and the elders, with the whole assembly, to send men, having been chosen from them, to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas – Judas (the one being called Barsabbas) and Silas, leading men among the brethren – <sup>23</sup> having written these things by their hand: The apostles and the elders and the brethren, to the brethren of the nations from Antioch and Syria and Cilicia. Rejoicing! <sup>24</sup> Since we have heard that some from us, having gone out, troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying to be circumcised and to be keeping the law, to whom we didn’t charge, <sup>25</sup> it seemed best to us, having become of the same passion, to send men having been chosen, to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, <sup>26</sup> men having handed over their souls for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>27</sup> Therefore, we have sent forth Judas and Silas, they also reporting the same via word. <sup>28</sup> For it seemed best to the Holy Spirit and to us to be putting on you no more burden except these necessities: <sup>29</sup> to be abstaining from things sacrificed to idols, and blood, and choked things, and fornication, from which, carefully keeping yourselves, you will be practicing well. Be strengthened!

<sup>30</sup> So then, those, having been dismissed, they went to Antioch, and having gathered the multitude, they gave the letter. <sup>31</sup> So having read it, they rejoiced upon the encouragement. <sup>32</sup> And both Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, through much word encouraged and intensively stabilized the brethren. <sup>33</sup> So having made time, they were dismissed with peace from the brethren to the apostles. <sup>35</sup> But Paul and Barnabas were spending time in Antioch, teaching and announcing the good message – the Word of the Lord – with many others also.

<sup>36</sup> But after some days, Paul said to Barnabas, “Having returned, now we should oversee our brethren in every city in which we announced the Word of the Lord, to see how they are doing.” <sup>37</sup> But Barnabas determined to take John along, the one being called Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul wasn’t considering this one worthy to take along, because of his departing from them from Pamphylia and not having gone together with them to the work. <sup>39</sup> Therefore a provocation occurred, so as for them to part from one another. And Barnabas, having taken along Mark, sailed off to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup> But Paul, having selected Silas, went out, having been delivered to the grace of God under the brethren. <sup>41</sup> So he was going through Syria and Cilicia, intensively stabilizing the assemblies.

## Acts 16

<sup>1</sup> So he arrived at Derbe and Lystra. And behold: a certain student was there, Timothy by name, son of a certain believing Jewish woman, but of a Greek father, <sup>2</sup> who was being testified of under the brethren in Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup> Paul wanted this one to go out with him, and having taken him, he circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all had known his father, that he was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> So as they were going through the cities, they were delivering to them the ordinances to be guarding which had been adjudged under the apostles and the elders which are in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> Therefore indeed, the assemblies were being made firm in the faith and were abounding in number daily.

<sup>6</sup> But having gone through Phrygia and the Galatian region, having been forbidden under the Holy Spirit to speak the Word in Asia, <sup>7</sup> having gone to Mysia, they were trying to go to Bithynia, and the Spirit didn't allow them. <sup>8</sup> So having gone by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

<sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul through the night. A certain man of Macedonia was standing, urging him and saying, "Having crossed over to Macedonia, help us!" <sup>10</sup> So when he saw the vision, immediately we sought to go out to Macedonia, being instructed that the Lord had summoned us to announce the good message to them.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, having launched from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the next day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. So we were in that very city, spending some days time. <sup>13</sup> And on the day of the Sabbath we exited outside the city, beside a river, where we were assuming prayer to be, and having sat down, we were speaking to those women having come together. <sup>14</sup> And a certain woman, Lydia by name, a dealer in purple cloth, of the city of Thyatira, venerating God, was hearing, whose heart the Lord opened up to be heeding the things having been spoken by Paul. <sup>15</sup> So when she was immersed, and her house, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be believing on the Lord, having entered into my house, be staying." And she compelled us.

<sup>16</sup> But it occurred, we going to prayer, a certain servant girl having a spirit of Python met us, who was providing much business for her lords, soothsaying. <sup>17</sup> This one, having followed after Paul and us, was crying out, saying, "These men are slaves of God the Most High, who are announcing to us a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> But she was doing this on many days.

So Paul, having been vexed and having turned, said to the spirit, "I am charging you in the name of Jesus Christ to exit from her." And it exited in that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But her lords, having seen that the expectation of their business exited, having laid hold of Paul and Silas, pulled them into the marketplace to the rulers, <sup>20</sup> and having brought them to the officials, they said, "These men, being Jews, are intensively troubling our city, <sup>21</sup> and are announcing customs which aren't permissible for us to be receiving or doing, being Romans." <sup>22</sup> And the crowd took a stand together against them, and the officials, having torn off their garments, were ordering them to be beaten.

<sup>23</sup> And having laid many strokes on them, they threw them into prison, having charged the jailor to be keeping them securely; <sup>24</sup> who, having received such a charge, threw them into the inner prison and secured their feet in the wood.

<sup>25</sup> But at midnight, Paul and Silas praying, were singing hymns to God. So the prisoners were intently listening to them. <sup>26</sup> But suddenly a great earthquake happened, so that the foundations of the jail were shaken; and instantly all the doors were opened and the bonds of all were undone. <sup>27</sup> And the jailor, having become awake, and having seen the doors of the prison having been opened, having drawn a sword, was about to kill himself, assuming the prisoners to have fled away.

<sup>28</sup> But Paul called out with a great voice, saying, “You should do nothing bad to yourself, for we are all here.”

<sup>29</sup> So having requested a light, he rushed in, and having become trembling, he fell before Paul and Silas, <sup>30</sup> and having brought them forth outside, he said, “Lords, what is it necessary for me to be doing so that I should be saved?”

<sup>31</sup> But they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your house.” <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the Word of the Lord to him and to all those in his house. <sup>33</sup> And having taken them aside in that hour of the night he washed them from their strokes, and instantly he was immersed, he and all those of his. <sup>34</sup> And having brought them up into his house, he set a table beside them, and he was glad, having believed on God with his whole house.

<sup>35</sup> But it having become day, the officials sent forth the lictors, saying, “Release these men.”

<sup>36</sup> So the jailor reported these words to Paul: “The officials have sent forth so that you should be released; now therefore, having exited, be going in peace.”

<sup>37</sup> But Paul said to them, “Having thrashed us publicly, uncondemned men, being Romans, they threw us into prison, and now they are throwing us out secretly! For no! But having come themselves, let them bring us out!”

<sup>38</sup> So the lictors reported these words to the officials. And they feared, having heard that they were Romans, <sup>39</sup> and having gone, they urged them; and having brought them out, they were requesting them to go out of the city. <sup>40</sup> So having gone out from the prison, they entered to the house of Lydia. And having seen the brethren, they encouraged them and went out.

## Acts 17

<sup>1</sup> So having traveled through Amphipolis and Appolonia, they went to Thessalonica, where the synagogue of the Jews was. <sup>2</sup> So according to Paul’s custom, he went in with them and upon three Sabbaths discussed with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> opening up and setting before them that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead, and that, “This is the Christ: Jesus Whom I am announcing to you.” <sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded and were allotted to Paul and Silas, both a great multitude of the venerating Greeks and not a few of the chief women.

<sup>5</sup> But the unpersuaded Jews, having taken aside some evil men from the marketplace, and having gathered a crowd, were making the city tumultuous, and having stood by the house of Jason, were seeking to bring them to the populace. <sup>6</sup> But not having found them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the city rulers, shouting, “These having disturbed the inhabited earth, these are also present here, <sup>7</sup> whom Jason has received; and these are all practicing opposite to the ordinances of Caesar, saying there is a different king – Jesus!” <sup>8</sup> So they troubled the crowd and the city rulers, hearing these

things. <sup>9</sup> And having received sufficient from Jason and the rest, they released them.

<sup>10</sup> So the brethren immediately sent both Paul and Silas out during the night to Berea, who, having arrived, were proceeding into the synagogue of the Jews. <sup>11</sup> But these were nobler than those in Thessalonica, who received the Word with all eagerness, daily investigating the Scriptures, if they might be having these things thus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore many of them indeed believed, and not a few of the prominent Greek women and men. <sup>13</sup> But when the Jews from Thessalonica knew that the Word of God was announced by Paul also in Berea, they went there also, shaking up the crowds. <sup>14</sup> But then the brethren immediately sent Paul away to be going as by sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there. <sup>15</sup> So those conducting Paul led him until Athens, and having received a command for Silas and Timothy so that they should come to him as quickly as possible, they were off.

<sup>16</sup> So Paul, waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was provoked in him, observing the city being dominated by idols. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, indeed, he was discussing in the synagogue with the Jews and those venerating, and in the marketplace every day with those happening by. <sup>18</sup> But also some of the Epicurean and the Stoic philosophers were conversing with him.

And some were saying, “What might this seed-picker be wanting to be saying?” So they said, “He seems to be an announcer of strange demons,” because he was announcing the good message of Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And having laid hold of him, they led him upon the Hill of Ares, saying, “Are we being able to know what is this new doctrine which is being spoken by you? <sup>20</sup> For you are bearing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we are determining to know what these things want to be.” <sup>21</sup> Now all Athenians and those visiting strangers were having opportunity for nothing other than to be saying or hearing something newer.

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, having stood in the midst of the Hill of Ares, said, “Men, Athenians, I am observing you as more reverent of demons. <sup>23</sup> For going through and intensively observing your objects of worship, I also found a pedestal on which had been inscribed, ‘to an unknown god.’ Therefore, He Whom you, being ignorant, are being pious toward, This One I am announcing to you: <sup>24</sup> The God having made the world and all that in it, this One, existing as Lord of heaven and earth, isn’t dwelling in handmade temples, <sup>25</sup> nor is He being healed under the hands of men, needing anything more, He giving to all life and breath with respect to all. <sup>26</sup> And He made from one blood every nation of men to be dwelling on all the face of the earth, having designated seasons and the prescribed boundaries of their dwellings, <sup>27</sup> for them to be seeking the Lord, if perhaps yet they might feel for Him and find Him; and yet existing not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For in Him we are living and moving and are, as also some of your authors have said: ‘We are also of His kindred.’ <sup>29</sup> Therefore, existing as the kindred of God, we ought not to be supposing the Deity to be like gold or silver or stone in an imprint of a craft and reasoning of man. <sup>30</sup> Indeed, therefore, God, having overlooked the times of the ignorance, now He is charging all men everywhere to be changing their minds, <sup>31</sup> because He set a day in which He is about to be judging the inhabited earth in righteousness by a Man Whom He designated, having given proof to all, having raised Him up from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup> But having heard resurrection from the dead, they were scoffing indeed. But they said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> And thus Paul exited from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men, having joined with him, believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman – Damaris by name – and others with them.

## Acts 18

<sup>1</sup> But after these things, Paul, having separated himself from Athens, went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> And having found a certain Jew from the people of Pontus, Aquila by name, and Priscilla his wife, being freshly come from Italy because of Claudius having ordered all the Jews to separate from Rome, he approached him, <sup>3</sup> and because of their being of the same trade he was staying with them and was working, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup> But he was discussing in the synagogue according to every Sabbath, and he was persuading both Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup> But when both Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was being constrained by the Spirit, thoroughly testifying to the Jews of the Christ – Jesus! <sup>6</sup> But they, defying and defaming, having shaken off his garments, he said to them, “Your blood is on your head; I am pure. From now on I will go to the nations.” <sup>7</sup> And having passed from there, he went into the house of a certain man venerating God, by name Justus, whose house was adjoined to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup> But Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with his whole house; and many of the Corinthians, hearing, were believing and being immersed.

<sup>9</sup> So the Lord said to Paul through a vision in the night, “Don’t be fearing, but be speaking, and you may not be silent, <sup>10</sup> because I am with you and no one will set on you to be harming you, because many people in this city are Mine.” <sup>11</sup> And he settled a year and six months, teaching the Word of God among them.

<sup>12</sup> Now while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia the Jews, with the same passion, withstood Paul and brought him before the judgment dais, <sup>13</sup> saying, “This man is – outside of the law – convincing the people to be venerating God.”

<sup>14</sup> But Paul being about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If indeed then, it was some injustice or evil roguish trifling, O Jews, according to reason I would be putting up with you. <sup>15</sup> But if it is a disputation about a word, and names, and to law according to you, you yourselves are seeing to it. For I am determining not to be a judge of these things.” <sup>16</sup> And he drove them away from the judgment dais. <sup>17</sup> But all the Greeks, having laid hold of Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, were striking him before the judgment dais. And none of these things mattered to Gallio.

<sup>18</sup> But Paul, yet remaining sufficient days, having taken leave of the brethren, was sailing off to Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila, having sheared his head in Cenchrea, for he was having an oath. <sup>19</sup> So he arrived in Ephesus and left them there; but he, having entered into the synagogue, discussed with the Jews. <sup>20</sup> But they, requesting him to stay with them for more time, he didn’t consent, <sup>21</sup> but took leave of them, having said, “It is necessary for me by all means to make the coming feast in Jerusalem. But I will return to you again, God willing.” And he launched from Ephesus. <sup>22</sup> And having gone down to Caesarea, having gone up and greeted the assembly, he went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> And having made some time, he went out, going through the Galatian and Phrygian region in consecutive order, intensively stabilizing all the students.

<sup>24</sup>Now a certain Jew, Apollos by name, an Alexandrian by kindred, a man of words, arrived in Ephesus, being powerful in the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup>This man was instructed in the way of the Lord and, boiling in the Spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things about the Lord, knowing only the immersion of John. <sup>26</sup>And this man began to be speaking boldly in the synagogue. So Aquila and Priscilla, having heard him, having taken him aside, also more accurately set forth to him the way of God.

<sup>27</sup>But he, determining to go over to Achaia, the brethren having encouraged him, wrote to the students to welcome him; who, having come, contributed much to those having believed through grace; <sup>28</sup>for vigorously he was thoroughly refuting the Jews publicly, showing Jesus to be the Christ through the Scriptures.

## Acts 19

<sup>1</sup>But it happened that Apollos being in Corinth, Paul having gone through the upper parts, went to Ephesus. And having found some students, <sup>2</sup>he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit, having believed?”

But they said to him, “But we didn’t even hear if there is a Holy Spirit.”

<sup>3</sup>And he said to them, “Into what then were you immersed?”

So they said, “Into the immersion of John.”

<sup>4</sup>So Paul said, “John indeed immersed with an immersion of a change of mind, saying to the people that they should believe in the One coming after him, that is, in the Christ – Jesus!” <sup>5</sup>So having heard, they were immersed into the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>And Paul, having laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they were speaking in tongues and prophesying. <sup>7</sup>Now the men were about twelve in all.

<sup>8</sup>But having entered into the synagogue, he was speaking boldly upon three months, discussing and persuading concerning the things about the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup>But when some were hardened and unpersuaded, speaking ill of the Way before the multitude, having departed from them, he separated the students, daily discussing in the school of a certain Tyrannus. <sup>10</sup>So this happened upon two years, so that all those dwelling in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

<sup>11</sup>And God was doing miracles – not the ordinary – through the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup>so that even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin were brought upon the sick and they were delivered from their diseases, and the evil spirits were exiting from them. <sup>13</sup>But some from the Jewish exorcists going about took in hand to be naming the name of the Lord Jesus over those having the evil spirits, saying, “We are adjuring you by the Jesus whom Paul is proclaiming.” <sup>14</sup>So there were some seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish high priest, who were doing this.

<sup>15</sup>So having answered, the evil spirit said, “The Jesus I know, and Paul I comprehend, but who are you?” <sup>16</sup>And the man in whom the evil spirit was, leaping upon them and having overpowered them, was mighty against them, so that, naked and having been bruised, they fled from that house. <sup>17</sup>So this became known to all those dwelling in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, and fear fell upon all of them, and they were magnifying the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>18</sup>And many of those having believed were coming, publicly confessing and reporting their practices. <sup>19</sup>So sufficient of those having practiced the occult, having brought together the scrolls, were burning them up before all; and they calculated the value of them and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.

<sup>20</sup> Thus the Word of the Lord was growing and being mighty, according to strength.

<sup>21</sup> But when these things were fulfilled, Paul decided in the spirit, having gone through Macedonia and Achaia, to be going to Jerusalem, saying, “After my being there, it is necessary for me also to see Rome.” <sup>22</sup> So having sent into Macedonia two of those serving with him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed on for a time in Asia.

<sup>23</sup> But there occurred during that season not a small agitation about the Way.

<sup>24</sup> For a certain Demetrius by name, a silversmith making silver temples of Artemis, was giving not a little business to the craftsmen; <sup>25</sup> whom having convened together with those workers in related fields, said, “Men, you are knowing that our livelihood is from this business. <sup>26</sup> And you are observing and hearing that not only at Ephesus, but in almost all Asia, this Paul, having persuaded people, removed a sufficient crowd, saying that they aren’t gods which are coming about by hands. <sup>27</sup> But not only is this – our part – in danger to come into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be considered as nothing, but also her majesty is about to be demolished, whom the whole of Asia and the inhabited earth is venerating.”

<sup>28</sup> So having heard and become full of anger, they were crying out, saying, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” <sup>29</sup> And the whole city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with the same passion into the theatre, having seized both Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, traveling companions of Paul. <sup>30</sup> Now Paul, determining to enter into the populace, the students weren’t allowing him. <sup>31</sup> So also some of the officials from Asia, being friends with him, having sent to him, were urging him not to give himself into the theatre. <sup>32</sup> Then others were indeed crying out something other, for the assembly was confounded, and the majority hadn’t known for what sake they had come together. <sup>33</sup> But out of the crowd they prompted Alexander, the Jews having thrust him forward. So Alexander, having shaken his hand downward, was wanting to be making a defense to the populace. <sup>34</sup> But having recognized that he was a Jew, one voice came as from all, as upon two hours they were crying out, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”

<sup>35</sup> But having quelled the crowd, the scribe said, “Men, Ephesians, for what man is there who isn’t knowing the Ephesians’ city to be custodian of the temple of the great goddess Artemis and of the statue fallen from Zeus? <sup>36</sup> Therefore these things being irrefutable, it is necessary for you to be quelled and to be practicing nothing rash. <sup>37</sup> For you brought these men, neither temple-robbers nor blaspheming your goddess. <sup>38</sup> If indeed then, Demetrius and those craftsmen with him are having a matter against anyone, courts are leading, and there are proconsuls. Let them press charges against one another. <sup>39</sup> But if you are seeking concerning different things, it will be expounded in the lawful assembly. <sup>40</sup> For we are also in danger of being charged with an insurrection about today, there existing no reason, about which we won’t be able to give a word on this mob.”

<sup>41</sup> And having said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

## Acts 20

<sup>1</sup> But after the ceasing of the tumult, Paul, having summoned the students and having greeted them, went out to be going into Macedonia. <sup>2</sup> So having gone through those parts and having encouraged them with many words, he went into Greece. <sup>3</sup> And having done three months, a plot having come about against him by the Jews, being about

to be launching to Syria, a judgment was made to be returning through Macedonia. <sup>4</sup> So Sopater, a Berean, was accompanying him unto Asia, and Aristarchus and Secundus, Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Asians Tychicus and Trophimus. <sup>5</sup> These, having gone ahead, were waiting for us in Troas. <sup>6</sup> So we sailed off after the days of the Unleavened bread from Philippi and went to them into Troas within five days, where we spent seven days.

<sup>7</sup> So on the first of the Sabbaths, the students having been gathered to break bread, Paul was discussing with them, being about to go out on the next day, and he was extending the word until midnight. <sup>8</sup> But there were sufficient lamps in the top chamber where we had gathered. <sup>9</sup> So a certain young man, by name Eutychus, sitting on the window, being borne down by a deep sleep, Paul discussing upon more, having been borne down by the sleep, fell down from the third floor and was taken up dead.

<sup>10</sup> But having gone down, Paul fell on him, and having embraced him, said, “Don’t be making a tumult, for his soul is in him.” <sup>11</sup> So having gone up and having broken bread and eaten, and having explained upon sufficient subjects until daybreak, he thus exited. <sup>12</sup> So they brought the boy living, and were not moderately encouraged.

<sup>13</sup> So we, having gone ahead onto the ship, we launched for Assos, from there being about to be picking up Paul, for thus it had been arranged, he being about to be going on foot. <sup>14</sup> So when he was encountering us in Assos, having picked him up, we came to Mitylene. <sup>15</sup> And having sailed away from there, on the next day we arrived opposite Chios, but on the other day came alongside Samos; and having stayed in Trogellium, on the following we came to Miletus. <sup>16</sup> For Paul had judged to sail by Ephesus, in order that it shouldn’t happen to him to waste time in Asia, for he was hastening if it was possible for him to be in Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost.

<sup>17</sup> But from Miletus, having sent into Ephesus, he called for the elders of the assembly. <sup>18</sup> So when they came to him, he said to them, “You are knowing from the first day from which I disembarked into Asia how I was with you all the time, <sup>19</sup> slaving for the Lord with all humility and many tears and trials – those having happened to me by the plots of the Jews – <sup>20</sup> how I withdrew nothing of the things benefiting, not to report to you and to teach you publicly and in houses, <sup>21</sup> thoroughly testifying to both Jews and Greeks the change of mind toward God and belief which is toward our Lord Jesus. <sup>22</sup> And now behold: I, having been bound in the spirit, am going to Jerusalem, not having known the things that will meet me in it, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit is thoroughly testifying, saying that bonds and afflictions are waiting for me in each city. <sup>24</sup> But I am making it of no matter, nor am I holding my soul as valuable to myself, so as to complete my racecourse with joy and the service which I received from the Lord Jesus to thoroughly testify the good message of the grace of God.

<sup>25</sup> “And now, behold: I have known that you all, among whom I went through proclaiming the kingdom of God, will no longer see my face. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I am testifying to you in this day today that I am pure from the blood of all. <sup>27</sup> For I didn’t withdraw so as not to report to you all the determination of God. <sup>28</sup> Therefore be taking heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit placed you as overseers, to be shepherding the assembly of the Lord and God which He acquired through His own blood. <sup>29</sup> For I have known this: that after my departure, heavy wolves will enter into you, not sparing the flock, <sup>30</sup> and men speaking distorted things will arise out from among you yourselves, to be drawing away the students after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, be watchful,

remembering that three year's time, night and day, I didn't cease warning each one with tears.

<sup>32</sup>“And for the present, I am committing you, brothers, to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build up and to give you inheritance among all those having been made holy. <sup>33</sup>I craved silver or gold or garments of no one. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves are knowing that these hands attended to my needs and of those being with me. <sup>35</sup>By all, I showed you that thus toiling, it is necessary to be aiding those being weak and to be remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to be giving, than to be receiving.’”

<sup>36</sup>And having said these things, having knelt down, he prayed with them all. <sup>37</sup>So there occurred sufficient wailing by all, and having fallen on Paul's neck, they were ardently kissing him, <sup>38</sup>agonizing especially over the word which he had said, that they were about to be beholding his face no longer. So they sent him off into the ship.

## Acts 21

<sup>1</sup>So when it came about for us to launch, being withdrawn from them, having run a straight course, we went to Cos; but on the next to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. <sup>2</sup>And having found a ship, crossing through to Phoenicia, having boarded, we launched. <sup>3</sup>So having sighted Cyprus and having left it to the left, we were sailing into Syria, and we went down to Tyre, for there the ship was unloading the cargo. <sup>4</sup>And having found students by searching, we stayed there seven days, who were telling Paul through the Spirit not to be going up into Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>But when it happened that we finished the days there, having exited, we were going out; all of them, with wives and children sending us off until outside the city; and having knelt on the seashore, we prayed. <sup>6</sup>And having bid farewell to one another, we boarded into the ship, but they returned to their own houses.

<sup>7</sup>So we, having fully completed the voyage from Tyre, we arrived in Ptolemais; and having greeted the brethren, we stayed one day with them. <sup>8</sup>But on the next day, those with Paul having gone out, they went to Caesarea; and having entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, being of the seven, we stayed with him. <sup>9</sup>Now to this man were four prophesying daughters, virgins. <sup>10</sup>So we, remaining more days, a certain prophet, by name Agabus, came down from Judea.

<sup>11</sup>And having come to us and taken Paul's belt, and having bound his feet and hands, he said, “The Holy Spirit is saying these things: ‘The man whose belt this is the Jews will in this way bind in Jerusalem, and will deliver him into the hands of the nations.’” <sup>12</sup>So when we heard these things, both we and the locals were urging him not to go up to Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup>And Paul answered, “What are you doing, wailing and together crushing my heart? For I am holding prepared, not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

<sup>14</sup>So, not persuading him, we were silent, saying, “Let the will of the Lord take place.”

<sup>15</sup>But after these days, having packed, we went up to Jerusalem. <sup>16</sup>But some of the students from Caesarea also came together with us, bringing Mnason, a certain Cypriot, an original student, with whom we would be hosted.

<sup>17</sup> So we, having come into Jerusalem, the brethren received us with delight. <sup>18</sup> So on the next day, Paul was going in with us to James, and all the elders were present. <sup>19</sup> And having greeted them, he was explaining one-by-one the things which God did among the nations through his service.

<sup>20</sup> So they, having heard, were glorifying the Lord, having said to him, “You are observing, brother, how many tens of thousands of Jews there are – those having believed – and they are all zealots of the law. <sup>21</sup> But they were instructed about you, that you are teaching all those Jews in the nations apostasy from Moses, telling them not to be circumcising their children nor to be walking in the customs. <sup>22</sup> What is it then? By all means it is necessary for a multitude to come together. For they will hear that you have come. <sup>23</sup> Therefore, do this which we are saying to you: There are four men with us having an oath upon themselves. <sup>24</sup> Having taken these along, purify yourself with them and pay for them so that they will shave their heads, and all should know that the things about which they have been instructed about you are nothing, but you are in line, and yourself guarding the law. <sup>25</sup> But about the nations having believed, we wrote a letter, having judged for them to be keeping nothing such, except to be guarding themselves from both the thing sacrificed to idols, and the blood, and the choked, and fornication.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Paul, having taken the men along, on the coming day, having been purified with them, was going into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of the purification until when the offering on behalf of each one of them was offered.

<sup>27</sup> So when the seven days were about to be consummated, the Jews from Asia, having observed him in the temple, were confounding all the crowd, and threw their hands on him, <sup>28</sup> crying out, “Men, Israelites, help! This is the man – the one teaching all everywhere against the people and the law and this place – and yet, he also brought Greeks into the temple, and has made this holy place common!” <sup>29</sup> For they had seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, whom they were assuming that Paul brought into the temple. <sup>30</sup> And the whole city was moved, and a running together of the people occurred; and having laid hold of Paul, they were dragging him outside the temple, and immediately the doors were shut. <sup>31</sup> So seeking to kill him, a report went up to the commander of the cohort that all Jerusalem had been confounded; <sup>32</sup> who at once, having taken along soldiers and centurions, ran down upon them. So having seen the commander and the soldiers, they ceased striking Paul. <sup>33</sup> But the commander, having neared, laid hold of him and ordered him to be bound with two chains; and he was inquiring who he might be and what he had done. <sup>34</sup> But others among the crowd were shouting some other thing. So not being able to know the certainty because of the tumult, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. <sup>35</sup> But when he came upon the stairway, it happened that he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd. <sup>36</sup> For the multitude of the people was following, crying out, “Be taking him away!”

<sup>37</sup> And Paul, being about to be led into the barracks, said to the commander, “Is it permissible for me to speak to you?”

But he spoke, “You are knowing Greek! <sup>38</sup> Then you aren’t the Egyptian – the one having arisen and led out the four thousand men of the Sicarii into the wilderness before these days?”

<sup>39</sup> So Paul said, “I am indeed a man; a Jew, from Tarsus of Cilicia, a citizen, of no insignificant city; so I am requesting of you, allow me to speak to the people.”

<sup>40</sup> So having allowed him, Paul, having stood on the stairway, shook his hand downward to the people. So much silence having occurred, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying,

## Acts 22

<sup>1</sup> “Men, brothers and fathers, hear my defense to you now.”

<sup>2</sup> So having heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they gave him more silence.

And he spoke, <sup>3</sup> “I indeed am a man, a Jew, having been born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but having been reared in this city beside the feet of Gamaliel, having been trained according to the accuracy of the law of our fathers, being a zealot for God, just as you all are today; <sup>4</sup> I, who persecuted this, the Way, unto death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, <sup>5</sup> as also the high priest is testifying of me, and all the board of the elders, from whom also having received letters to the brothers, I was going into Damascus, to bring those there also bound to Jerusalem, so that they should be getting retribution. <sup>6</sup> But it happened to me, going and nearing Damascus, around midday, unexpectedly, a sufficient light out of the heaven flashed round about me. <sup>7</sup> And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’” <sup>8</sup> So I answered, ‘Who are you, lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, Whom you are persecuting.’ <sup>9</sup> But those being with me indeed observed the light and became afraid, but they didn’t hear the voice of the One speaking to me. <sup>10</sup> And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ So the Lord said to me, ‘Having arisen, be going into Damascus, and there it will be told to you about all which has been arranged for you to do.’ <sup>11</sup> But when we weren’t seeing from the glory of that light, being led by the hand by those being with me, I went to Damascus. <sup>12</sup> Now a certain Ananias, a man judicious according to the law, being testified of by all the Jews dwelling in Damascus, <sup>13</sup> having come to me and stood there, said to me, ‘Saul, brother, see again.’ And I, in the same hour, looked up at him. <sup>14</sup> So he said, ‘The God of our fathers foreappointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from His mouth. <sup>15</sup> Because you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard. <sup>16</sup> And now, what are you about to do? Having arisen, be immersed and wash away your sins, having called upon the name of the Lord.’ <sup>17</sup> But it happened to me, having returned to Jerusalem and praying in the temple, I became in an ecstasy, <sup>18</sup> and saw Him saying to me, ‘Hurry and go out with speed from Jerusalem, because they will not receive your testimony about Me.’ <sup>19</sup> And I said, ‘Lord, they are knowing that I was imprisoning and thrashing in the synagogues those believing on You; <sup>20</sup> and when the blood of Stephen Your witness was being spilled, I also myself had stood by and was consenting to his execution, guarding the garments of those executing him.’ <sup>21</sup> And He said to me, ‘Be going, because I will send you forth to nations far away.’”

<sup>22</sup> But they were hearing him until this word, and they lifted up their voice, saying, “Be taking such away from the earth, for it isn’t fitting for him to be living.” <sup>23</sup> So they, crying out and casting off their garments, and throwing dust into the air, <sup>24</sup> the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, saying for him to be examined by floggings, so that he should ascertain for what cause they were yelling thus at him.

<sup>25</sup> But as he stretched him out with the straps, Paul said to the centurion having stood there, “Is it permissible for you to be flogging a man, a Roman and uncondemned?”

<sup>26</sup> So having heard, the centurion having approached, reported to the commander, saying, “Watch what you are about to be doing; for this man is a Roman.”

<sup>27</sup> So having approached, the commander said to him, “Be telling me if you are a Roman.”

So he spoke, “Yes.”

<sup>28</sup> And the commander answered, “I possessed this citizenship by much capital.”

But Paul said, “But I indeed was born such.”

<sup>29</sup> Immediately then, those being about to examine him stood away from him. So the commander was afraid also, having realized that he was a Roman and that he had bound him.

<sup>30</sup> So on the next day, determining to know the certainty as to why he was being accused by the Jews, he released him from the bonds and ordered the high priests and their whole council to come; and having brought Paul down, he stood him before them.

### Acts 23

<sup>1</sup> So Paul, having gazed at the council, said, “Men, brothers, I, with all good conscience, have been conducting myself toward God until this day.” <sup>2</sup> But the high priest, Ananias, commanded those by him to be striking his mouth. <sup>3</sup> Then Paul said to him, “God is about to be striking you, dusted wall! And you are sitting judging me according to the law, and you are illegally ordering me to be stricken!”

<sup>4</sup> But those having stood by said, “You are reviling the high priest of God!”

<sup>5</sup> And Paul spoke, “I haven’t known, brothers, that he is high priest, for it has been written, ‘You shall not speak badly of a ruler of your people.’” <sup>6</sup> So Paul, having known that the one part was of Sadducees, but the other of Pharisees, he was crying out in the council, “Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, son of a Pharisee; concerning expectation and resurrection of the dead I am being judged.” <sup>7</sup> So he speaking this, a dissension occurred between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the multitude was split. <sup>8</sup> For Sadducees are saying there to be no resurrection, nor messenger, nor spirit, but Pharisees are confessing the both.

<sup>9</sup> And a great outcry occurred, and having stood up, the scribes of the part of the Pharisees were intensely battling, saying, “We are finding nothing bad in this man; but if a spirit spoke to him, or a messenger, we shouldn’t be battling God.” <sup>10</sup> So much dissension having occurred, the commander, having been judicious lest Paul should be broken by them, ordered the army to go down and seize him from their midst and to be bringing him into the barracks.

<sup>11</sup> But on the next night, having stood by him, the Lord said, “Be brave, Paul, for as you thoroughly testified to the things about Me in Jerusalem, so it is necessary for you to testify also in Rome.”

<sup>12</sup> So, it becoming day, some of the Jews, having formed a mob, anathematized themselves, saying they would neither eat nor drink until they should be killing Paul.

<sup>13</sup> Now there were more than forty of those having made this joint-swearing; <sup>14</sup> who having approached the high priests and the elders, said, “We anathematized ourselves for slating for destruction if we taste anything until we should be killing Paul. <sup>15</sup> Now you,

therefore, suggest to the commander with the council in order that tomorrow he should bring him down to you as if being about to be ascertaining more accurately the facts concerning him; but we, before his nearing, are prepared to execute him.”<sup>16</sup> But the son of Paul’s sister, having heard about the coming ambush, and having entered into the barracks, reported it to Paul.

<sup>17</sup> So Paul, having summoned one of the centurions, said, “Lead away this young man to the commander, for he is having something to report to him.”

<sup>18</sup> Then, indeed, having taken him aside, he brought him to the commander and spoke, “The prisoner Paul, having summoned me, requested me to bring this young man to you, having something to speak to you.”

<sup>19</sup> So the commander, having taken his hand and having withdrawn privately, he was inquiring, “What is it that you are having to report to me?”

<sup>20</sup> So he said, “The Jews agreed to ask you that tomorrow you might bring Paul down to the council, as if being about to be inquiring something more accurately about him. <sup>21</sup> You, therefore, shouldn’t be persuaded about them; for they are setting an ambush for him – more than forty men of them who have anathematized themselves neither to eat nor to drink until they should kill him, and now they are prepared, waiting for the promise from you.”

<sup>22</sup> Then, indeed, the commander dismissed the young man, having charged him, “Divulge to no one that you informed me of these things.”

<sup>23</sup> And having summoned a certain two of the centurions, he said, “Prepare two hundred soldiers in order that they should go unto Caesarea, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred weapons specialists to leave at the third hour of the night, <sup>24</sup> and animals to stand by so that, having put Paul on them, they should conduct him safely to Felix the governor,” <sup>25</sup> having written a letter containing this pattern:

<sup>26</sup> Claudius Lysias to the mightiest governor Felix,  
Rejoicing!

<sup>27</sup> This man, having been apprehended by the Jews, and being about to be executed by them, I, having come upon them with the army, delivered him, having learned that he was a Roman. <sup>28</sup> But determining to know the cause for which they were pressing charges against him, I brought him down to their council <sup>29</sup> and I found him being charged about disputations of their law, having no charge worthy of death or bonds. <sup>30</sup> But a plot about to take place against the man by the Jews having been disclosed to me, I instantly sent him to you, also charging the accusers to state the things against him before you.

Be strengthened!

<sup>31</sup> Then indeed, the soldiers, according to that having been ordered them, having taken up Paul, brought him during the night to Antipatris. <sup>32</sup> So on the next day, they returned to the barracks, having allowed the horsemen to go with him, <sup>33</sup> who, having entered into Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, also stood Paul before him.

<sup>34</sup> So the governor, having read it, and having asked from what kind of province he was, and having found that he was from Cilicia, <sup>35</sup> he said, “I will fully hear you when your accusers also come.” And he ordered him to be guarded in the Praetorium of Herod.

## Acts 24

<sup>1</sup> Now after five days the high priest Ananias went down with the elders and an orator, a certain Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

<sup>2</sup> So he, having been called, Tertullus began to be accusing, saying, “Obtaining much peace through you and rectifications occurring for this nation through your forethought, <sup>3</sup> both in everything and everywhere we are welcoming mightiest Felix with all thanksgiving. <sup>4</sup> But so that I’m not hindering you upon more, I am encouraging you to hear us concisely in your clemency. <sup>5</sup> For having found this man a plague and moving dissension among all the Jews – those throughout the inhabited earth – and a leader of the heresy of the Nazarenes, <sup>6</sup> and who tried to commonize the temple, and whom we laid hold of, <sup>8</sup> from whom you will be able, yourself, having investigated, to recognize about all these things of which we are accusing him.” <sup>9</sup> So the Jews also agreed, asserting these things to have been so.

<sup>10</sup> But Paul answered, the governor having nodded to him to speak, “Knowing you to have been a judge of this nation for many years, I am more cheerfully defending the things concerning myself, <sup>11</sup> you being able to know that there are not more than twelve days to me, from which I ascended worshipping in Jerusalem, <sup>12</sup> and they found me neither in the temple discussing with anyone or making a disturbance of a crowd, neither in the synagogues nor in the city. <sup>13</sup> Nor are they able to present against me about which they are now accusing me. <sup>14</sup> But I am confessing this to you: that according to the Way, which they are calling a heresy, thus I am ministering to the God of the fathers, believing in all the things having been written, according to the Law and the Prophets, <sup>15</sup> having expectation in God, which these themselves also are waiting for – a resurrection of the dead about to be, of both righteous and unrighteous. <sup>16</sup> But in this I am striving, having a conscience not causing stumbling toward God and men through all things. <sup>17</sup> But through more years, I came doing acts of mercy and offerings to my nation, <sup>18</sup> among whom some Jews from Asia found me, having been purified, in the temple, not with a crowd nor with tumult, <sup>19</sup> for whom it is necessary to be present before you and to accuse if they might be having anything against me. <sup>20</sup> Or, let these themselves say what unrighteousness they found in me, I standing before the council, <sup>21</sup> unless it was about this one statement which I cried out, having stood among them: ‘Concerning resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you today.’”

<sup>22</sup> So hearing these things, Felix adjourned them, having known the things about the Way more accurately, having said, “When Lysias the commander comes down, I will ascertain the matters concerning you,” <sup>23</sup> having ordered the centurion to be keeping watch over Paul, and for him to be having relief, and to be hindering none of his own to be attending to or to be coming to him.

<sup>24</sup> But after some days, Felix having come with Drusilla his wife, she being a Jewess, he sent for Paul and heard from him about the faith in Christ. <sup>25</sup> So he discussing about righteousness and self-control and the judgment about to be, having become afraid, Felix answered, “Be going for the present, but having partaken of a season, I will call for you,” <sup>26</sup> also expecting that money would be given to him by Paul in order that he should release him; therefore also sending for him more frequently, he was conversing with him.

<sup>27</sup> But a space of two years having been fulfilled, Felix received a successor, Porcius Festus; and wanting to set down favors for the Jews, Felix left Paul having been bound.

## Acts 25

<sup>1</sup> Then Festus, having set foot in the province, after three days he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. <sup>2</sup> So the high priest and the foremost of the Jews expounded to him against Paul, and they were urging him, <sup>3</sup> requesting a favor against him, so that he should send for him to Jerusalem, setting an ambush to assassinate him along the way. <sup>4</sup> Then indeed, Festus answered that Paul be kept in Caesarea, but he himself about to be going out with speed. <sup>5</sup> “Then the able ones among you,” he said, “having gone down with me, if there is anything in this man, let them be accusing him.”

<sup>6</sup> But having spent time among them – more than ten days – having gone down to Caesarea, on the next day, having sat on the judgment dais, he ordered Paul to be brought. <sup>7</sup> So he, having come, the Jews having come down from Jerusalem stood around, also bringing many heavy charges against Paul, which they weren’t mighty to demonstrate, <sup>8</sup> while he defended himself, saying, “Neither in reference to the law of the Jews, nor in reference to the temple, nor in reference to Caesar did I sin in anything.”

<sup>9</sup> But Festus, wanting to put down a favor for the Jews, having answered Paul, said, “Are you willing, having gone up to Jerusalem, to be judged before me there about these things?”

<sup>10</sup> But Paul said “I am standing before the judgment dais of Caesar, by whom it is necessary for me to be judged. Jews I wronged in nothing, as you also are well-recognizing. <sup>11</sup> For if indeed I am doing wrong and have practiced anything worthy of death, I am not refusing to die; but if there is nothing to that which these are accusing me, no one is able to grant me to them. I am calling on Caesar!”

<sup>12</sup> Then Festus, having spoken with the council, answered, “You have called on Caesar. Before Caesar you will go.”

<sup>13</sup> But some days having past, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived in Caesarea, having greeted Festus.

<sup>14</sup> But as he was spending more days there, Festus set before the king the things against Paul, saying, “There is a certain man having been left a prisoner by Felix, <sup>15</sup> about whom I, having begun in Jerusalem, the high priests and the elders of the Jews informed, requesting punishment against him; <sup>16</sup> to whom I answered that it isn’t a custom with Romans to be granting any man to destruction before the one being accused might even be having the accusers present and might be receiving place of defense about the charge. <sup>17</sup> Therefore they, having come together here, having made no delay, on the next, having sat on the judgment dais, I ordered the man to be brought; <sup>18</sup> about whom the accusers, having stood, were bringing no charge of which I was assuming, <sup>19</sup> but they were having some disputations against him about their own reverence of demons and about a certain Jesus, having died, whom Paul was asserting to be living. <sup>20</sup> But I, being perplexed about this dispute, was asking if he might be determining to be going to Jerusalem and to be judged there about these things. <sup>21</sup> But Paul, having called upon for himself to be kept for the decision of Augustus, I ordered him to be kept until I might send him to Caesar.”

<sup>22</sup> So Agrippa was saying to Festus, “I myself was also determining to hear the man.”

So he said, “Tomorrow you will hear him.”

<sup>23</sup> Then on the next day, Agrippa and Bernice having come with all display, and having entered into the auditorium with both the commanders and the men being of eminence in the city, and Festus having ordered it, Paul was brought in.

<sup>24</sup> And Festus said, “King Agrippa and all the men being present together, be observing this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews requested me, both in Jerusalem and here, intensely crying out that he mustn’t be living any longer. <sup>25</sup> But I, apprehending him to have practiced nothing worthy of death, but also himself having called upon the Augustus, I judged to be sending him, <sup>26</sup> about whom I’m not having anything certain to write to the lord. Therefore I brought him forth before you, and especially before you King Agrippa, in order that, the investigation having taken place, I may have something to write. <sup>27</sup> For it seems unreasonable to me, sending a prisoner, not to signify also the charges against him.

## Acts 26

<sup>1</sup> So Agrippa said to Paul, “It is allowed for you to be speaking in your behalf.”

Then Paul was defending himself, having stretched forth his hand, <sup>2</sup> “About all the things of which I am being charged by the Jews, King Agrippa, I have counted myself blessed, being about to be defending myself before you today, <sup>3</sup> you being especially an expert in all things Jewish, both habits and disputations; therefore I am petitioning you to hear me patiently. <sup>4</sup> Therefore indeed, my manner of life from youth, having taken place from the beginning among my nation in Jerusalem all the Jews have known, <sup>5</sup> previously knowing me from the start, if they should be wanting to be testifying, that according to the most accurate heresy of our religion I lived a Pharisee. <sup>6</sup> And now I have stood, being judged for expectation of the promise having come about by God to the fathers, <sup>7</sup> to which our twelve tribes, ministering in earnestness night and day, are expecting to arrive. About which expectation I am being charged, King Agrippa, by Jews. <sup>8</sup> Why is it being judged unbelievable with you if God is raising the dead? <sup>9</sup> Then, I, indeed, myself supposed it to be necessary to practice many things in opposition toward the name of Jesus the Nazarene; <sup>10</sup> which I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the holy ones I shut up in prisons, having received the authority from the high priests, and they, being executed, I put in a pebble against them. <sup>11</sup> And according to all the synagogues, often giving them retribution, I was compelling them to be blaspheming; and being exceedingly insane against them, I was persecuting them also until into the outer cities.

<sup>12</sup> “In which, also going into Damascus, with authority and commission from the high priests, <sup>13</sup> in the middle of day, along the way, I saw from heaven, king, light above the brightness of the sun, having shone around me and those going with me. <sup>14</sup> So all of us having fallen down to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It’s hard for you to be kicking toward stingers.’ <sup>15</sup> So I said, ‘Who are you, lord?’ So He said, ‘I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup> But arise and stand on your feet; for for this I was seen by you, to foreappoint you an attendant and witness both of the things which you saw and of which I will be seen by you, <sup>17</sup> delivering you from the people and the nations to whom I

am sending you forth, <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes toward returning from darkness into light and from the authority of Satan to God, toward their receiving forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those having been made holy by belief which is in Me.’

<sup>19</sup>“From which, King Agrippa, I didn’t become disobedient to the heavenly vision, <sup>20</sup>but first to those in Damascus and Jerusalem, and into all the regions of Judea and to the nations, I was reporting to be changing the mind and turning to God, practicing works worthy of the change of mind. <sup>21</sup>Because of these things, the Jews, having apprehended me in the temple, were trying to abuse me. <sup>22</sup>Therefore, having obtained assistance from God, until this day I have stood, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing outside of that which both the prophets and Moses spoke of as being about to happen: <sup>23</sup>that the Christ was passible, that as first out of resurrection of the dead He is about to be announcing light to the people and the nations.”

<sup>24</sup>But he defending himself with these words, Festus said with a great voice, “You’re insane, Paul! The many letters are turning you around into insanity!”

<sup>25</sup>But he said, “I am not insane, mightiest Festus, but am declaring words of truth and sound thinking. <sup>26</sup>For the king knows about these things, to whom also I am speaking boldly; for I am persuaded not any of these things to be escaping his notice, for this hasn’t been practiced in a corner. <sup>27</sup>King Agrippa, you are believing the prophets. I have known that you are believing.”

<sup>28</sup>But Agrippa was saying to Paul, “In a little, you are persuading me to become a Christian!”

<sup>29</sup>So Paul said, “I could even wish to God, also in a little and in much, not only you, but also all those hearing me today to become such kind as I also am (besides these bonds).”

<sup>30</sup>And he, having said these things, the king and the governor and Bernice and those sitting together with them stood up, <sup>31</sup>and having withdrawn, were speaking to one another, saying, “This man is practicing nothing worthy of death or bonds.”

<sup>32</sup>So Agrippa said to Festus, “This man was able to be released, if he hadn’t called on Caesar.”

## Acts 27

<sup>1</sup>But when it was judged for our sailing away to Italy, they were delivering both Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion, Julius by name, of a cohort of Augustus. <sup>2</sup>So having boarded a ship of Adramyttium, being about to be sailing the Asian places, we launched, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica being with us. <sup>3</sup>And on the other day we brought down into Sidon, and Julius having treated Paul with love of mankind, allowed him to obtain care, having gone to the friends. <sup>4</sup>And having launched from there, we sailed under Cyprus because of the winds being against us. <sup>5</sup>And having sailed through the ocean near Cilicia and Pamphylia, we went down to Myra of Lysia. <sup>6</sup>And there, the centurion having found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy, he boarded us into it. <sup>7</sup>But sailing slowly for sufficient days and having scarcely come down Cnidus, the wind not allowing us forward, we sailed under Crete, down Salmone, <sup>8</sup>and scarcely skirting it, we went to a certain place being called Good Harbors, to which a city of Lasea was near.

<sup>9</sup> But sufficient time having past, and the voyage already being hazardous because of the fact that the Fast had also already gone by, Paul was advising, <sup>10</sup> saying to them, “Men, I am observing that the voyage is about to be with assault and much loss, not only of the lading and the ship, but also our souls.” <sup>11</sup> But the centurion was being persuaded by the steersman and the captain, rather than by the things being said by Paul. <sup>12</sup> So, the harbor not being well-situated toward a wintering, the majority set counsel to launch from there, if somehow they might be able, having arrived in Phoenix, to winter, a harbor of Crete looking down southwest and down northwest.

<sup>13</sup> So a south wind having blown gently, having supposed the purpose to have been grasped, having taken up closer, they were skirting Crete. <sup>14</sup> But after not much, there threw down from it a certain typhoon-like wind which is being called “East wind Wave.” <sup>15</sup> So it having grabbed the ship, and not being able to be facing into the wind, having given over, we were being carried by it. <sup>16</sup> But having run under a certain little island being called Clauda, we were scarcely mighty to get in control of the lifeboat, <sup>17</sup> which, having taken up, they were using supports, undergirding the ship; and fearing lest they should fall out in the Syrtis sands, having let down the vessel, thus they were being carried. <sup>18</sup> But we, encountering extremely bad weather, on the next day they were doing a throwing out, and <sup>19</sup> on the third we were casting off the vessels of the ship with our own hands. <sup>20</sup> But neither sun nor stars appearing upon more days, and no little bad weather pressing upon us, finally every expectation of our being saved was taken away from around us.

<sup>21</sup> So, much abstinence from eating being done, then Paul, having stood in the midst of them, said, “It was necessary indeed, O men, having obeyed me, not to be launching from Crete, and to gain this assault and loss. <sup>22</sup> And at the present I am advising you to be cheerful, for there will not be one casting off of soul from you, nevertheless of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For there stood by me this night a messenger of the God Whose I am and Whom I am ministering to, <sup>24</sup> saying, ‘Don’t be fearing, Paul; it is necessary for you to stand before Caesar, and behold: God has granted you all those sailing with you.’ <sup>25</sup> Therefore, be cheerful, men; for I am believing God that it will be thus according to which manner having been spoken to me. <sup>26</sup> So it is necessary for us to fall out on a certain island.”

<sup>27</sup> So when the fourteenth night occurred, we being carried through in the Adriatic, in the middle of the night the mariners were surmising some land region to be approaching them. <sup>28</sup> And having cast to find depth, they found twenty fathoms; but a little intervening and again having cast to find depth, they found fifteen fathoms; <sup>29</sup> and fearing lest we might fall out into rough places, having cast out four anchors from the hind, they were wishing for day to come.

<sup>30</sup> But the mariners, seeking to flee from the ship and having let down the lifeboat into the sea in pretence as though being about to be stretching out anchors from the foreship, <sup>31</sup> Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “If these don’t remain in the ship, you aren’t able to be saved.” <sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers cut off the cords of the lifeboat and allowed it to fall off.

<sup>33</sup> But until when it was about to become day, Paul was encouraging all to partake of food, saying, “Today is the fourteenth day you are persisting, waiting abstinent, having taken nothing for yourselves. <sup>34</sup> Therefore I am encouraging you to take food for yourselves, for this is toward your salvation; for not a hair will fall from the head of one

of you.”<sup>35</sup> So having said these things and having taken bread, he gave thanks to God before all, and having broken it, he began to be eating.<sup>36</sup> So all having become cheerful, they themselves also took food for themselves.<sup>37</sup> Now we were – all the souls in the ship – two hundred and seventy-six.<sup>38</sup> So having been satiated from the food, they were lightening the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

<sup>39</sup> But when it became day, they weren’t recognizing the land, but they were considering a certain bay having a shore into which they were determining, if possible, to push the ship.<sup>40</sup> And having cast off the anchors, they were letting them into the sea, meanwhile having given up the fastenings of the rudders, and having lifted up the foresail to the blowing wind, they were holding fast for the shore.<sup>41</sup> But having fallen around into a place between two seas, they ran the craft aground, and the foreship indeed having stuck, remained unshakeable, but the hind was being broken up by the violence of the waves.<sup>42</sup> So it became a determination of the soldiers that they should kill the prisoners, lest any, having swum away, should take flight.<sup>43</sup> But the centurion, determining to fully save Paul, hindered them of their determination and ordered those being able to be swimming, having cast themselves down first, to be going out on the land,<sup>44</sup> and the rest, some on boards, but others on some of the things from the ship. And thus it happened for all to be fully saved on the land.

#### Acts 28

<sup>1</sup> And having been fully saved, then they recognized that the island was called Malta.<sup>2</sup> Now those from a country not speaking Greek were giving to us extraordinary love of mankind, for having kindled a fire, they received us all, because of the rain which had begun and because of the cold.<sup>3</sup> But Paul, having amassed a bunch of sticks, and having put them on the fire, a venomous snake, having come all the way out because of the heat, fastened on to his hand.<sup>4</sup> So when those not speaking Greek saw the beast hanging from his hand, they were saying to one another, “By all means this man is a murderer, who, having been fully saved from the sea, the punishment didn’t allow him to be living.”<sup>5</sup> Then he indeed, having shaken the beast off into the fire, suffered nothing bad.<sup>6</sup> But they were waiting for him to be about to be swelling up, or to be suddenly falling down dead. But they, waiting upon much time, and observing nothing out of place happening to him, changing their view, they were saying him to be a god.

<sup>7</sup> Now in the areas around that place were regions of the principal person of the island, Publius by name, who, having welcomed us, hosted us with friendly thoughtfulness for three days.<sup>8</sup> But it happened for the father of Publius to be lying down, being debilitated with fever and dysentery, to whom Paul, having entered and prayed, having laid his hands on him, healed him.<sup>9</sup> Then, this having happened, also the rest of those on the island having sicknesses were approaching and were being healed,<sup>10</sup> who also honored us with many honors; and launching, they gave to us the things for our need.

<sup>11</sup> But after three months, having wintered on the island, we sailed in a ship of Alexandria with an insignia of the boys of Zeus.<sup>12</sup> And having gone down to Syracuse, we stayed three days.<sup>13</sup> From there, having gone around, we arrived at Rhegium. And after one day, having happened upon a south wind, on the second we came to Puteoli,<sup>14</sup> where, having found brethren, we were encouraged by them to stay for seven days; and

so we came to Rome. <sup>15</sup> And from there, the brethren, having heard the things concerning us, came out to a meeting with us as far as the Forum Appii and Three Shops, whom, Paul, having seen, having given thanks to God, he took courage.

<sup>16</sup> So when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the encampment commander; but for Paul it was permitted to be staying by himself with the soldier guarding him.

<sup>17</sup> Now it happened after three days that Paul called together those being foremost of the Jews. So they having come together, he was saying to them, “Men, brothers, I, having done nothing in opposition to the people or the customs of the fathers, as a prisoner from Jerusalem, I was delivered into the hands of the Romans, <sup>18</sup> who, having investigated me, were determining to be releasing me because of there being no cause for death in me. <sup>19</sup> But the Jews speaking against it, I was compelled to call upon Caesar (not as having anything of which to accuse my nation). <sup>20</sup> Therefore, because of this reason, I exhorted to see and speak with you, for because of the expectation of Israel I am laid about with this chain.”

<sup>21</sup> But they said to him, “We neither received letters about you from Judea, nor, having come, did any of the brothers report or speak anything evil about you. <sup>22</sup> But we are counting it worthy to hear from you the things you are thinking, for indeed, about this heresy it is known to us that it is being spoken against everywhere.”

<sup>23</sup> So having arranged a day for him, more were coming to him into the guestroom, to whom, he was setting forth, thoroughly testifying of the kingdom of God, and persuading them of the things about Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning until evening. <sup>24</sup> And some were being persuaded by the things being said, but some were disbelieving.

<sup>25</sup> So being in disagreement with one another, they were breaking up, Paul having said one word: “The Holy Spirit spoke well through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, <sup>26</sup> saying, ‘Go to this people and say, “In hearing you will hear and certainly not understand; and seeing, you will see and certainly not behold. <sup>27</sup> For the heart of this people became thick, and with the ears they heard heavily, and they closed their eyes, lest they should behold with the eyes, and they should hear with the ears, and should understand with the heart, and should turn back, and I would heal them.”’” <sup>28</sup> Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God was sent to the nations, and they will hear.” <sup>29</sup> And he, having said these things, the Jews went away, having much dispute among themselves.

<sup>30</sup> So Paul stayed a space of two whole years in his own rented dwelling, and he was welcoming all those entering to him, <sup>31</sup> proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the things about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, without hindrance.