

<Around fifty generations later>

John dunked people in the wilderness. Saying it was a dunking to turn your life around. This meant the wrong you did was pardoned. So Israelites went to him, were dunked in the Jordan river and confessed how they had gone wrong.

John had camel hair clothes and a leather belt. He ate locusts and honey. He let people know there was someone coming after him. They would be mightier than him and he would not even be worthy, to help him with his sandal. While John dunked people in water, they would dunk people in purified spirits.

One day Jesus came from Nazareth to be baptised. John dunked him and as soon as he resurfaced the skies parted. Spirit like a dove descended, settling over Jesus. From heaven there was a voice saying, this was their son and they were really pleased with him.

The spirit forced Jesus into the wilderness. He was there for forty days with Satan tempting him, with wild beasts around and angels helping out.

John got put in prison, so Jesus went to Galilee. He told them it was time, God was near to run things. Turn your life around and commit to this awesome news.

Walking along the Sea of Galilee He saw the Simon and Andrew fishing. They were fishermen and brothers. He told them to follow him and be made into people fishers. They immediately left their nets and followed. Further on he saw James and John mending nets in their boat. He called, they left their father with the employees and followed.

They went to Capernaum on the sabbath. He went straight to a meeting house and taught. They were amazed that his teaching had power, unlike the bureaucrats.

There was a man with a tainted spirit. It cried out, wanting to know why some Nazarene was bothering them. Was God's holy one there to destroy them? Jesus said to be quiet and get out.

The tainted, shook the man around before leaving with a yell. People were amazed at teaching with authority that even tainted obeyed. He was instantly famous in Galilee.

Next they went to Simon and Andrew's house. Simon's mother in law was sick with a fever. They told Jesus at once. He took her by the hand and pulled her up. The fever left and she served food. When the sun set, the cities sick and possessed were brought to him. He healed many sick and cast out many demons. He silenced the demons because they knew.

Jesus got up before daylight and went to a solitary spot to pray. Everyone was looking for him, so Simon and the others found him to let him know. He told them they'd go and tell the other towns. So Jesus spoke at the meeting houses throughout Galilee and cast out demons.

A leper came to Jesus wondering if he would be willing to cleanse him. Jesus felt for the guy, touched his hand and spoke to be cleansed. When he spoke the leprosy left. Jesus warned the man to say nothing, present himself to a priest and offer for a cleansing as commanded by Moses.

But the guy went out and told everyone. So Jesus couldn't enter the city any more. Even in abandoned spots people came to him from everywhere.

Several days later Jesus went back to Capernaum. It got around, that he was back at the house. People quickly packed into the place and there wasn't even room to squeeze in the door. Four men carrying a paralysed person went to see Jesus. They could not get near him because of the crowd.

The men uncovered the roof and lowered the paralysed. Seeing they believed he told the young man his sins were forgiven. Bureaucrats sitting there though his talk was insulting because he forgave people like he was a God. Sensing this he asked was it easier to forgive sins or easier to tell paralytics to walk.

To demonstrate that the mere human had power to forgive sins, Jesus told him to grab his stretcher and go home. He got up and left immediately. People talked about how awesome God was after seeing this.

He walked by the sea again and a huge crowd came. He taught them. As Jesus walked he told Levi in a tax office to follow him. So he got up and followed. They ate at his house with other tax collectors and corrupt people. Bureaucrats and elitists asked his followers what was going on. Jesus heard and said it was the sick that need a doctor, not the well. He was calling the corrupt to turn things around, not the virtuous.

The followers of both John and the elitists were fasting. They asked Jesus why his followers were not. He said if you are the groom's mates at his wedding you are not going to fast. They would fast when the groom was taken away.

<Second wineskin explanation omitted>

They were wandering through grain fields on the sabbath. His followers picked the grain as they went. Elitists asked him why they were acting unlawfully on the sabbath. Jesus replied that surely they had read what David did when he was in need and hungry. He and those with him unlawfully ate bread only for the priests.

The sabbath was made for humans, therefore the mere human was in charge of it.

He went to the meeting house again. There was a man with a withered hand. Jesus was being watched so that they could accuse him. He asked if it was lawful to do good or evil on the sabbath, to save life or kill. He wasn't answered.

He told the man to stretch out his hand. He did and it was restored like the other. The Elitists left and plotted with Herod's followers to end Jesus.

Jesus and his followers headed back to the sea. A huge crowd from all directions came when they heard how much he had done. He told his followers to get a small boat ready so the crowd didn't crush him. He healed many people and so people pushed to get closer. Whenever tainted spirits saw him they fell down and yelled that he was the son of God. He told them not to make him known.

He went up the mountain with his followers. He appointed twelve that would be with him, so they could be sent out to preach, heal and cast out demons. He gave Simon the name Peter. James and John he called the sons of thunder. Also Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, Thaddeus, Simon and Judas also went with them to a house.

A huge crowd came again and made it so there wasn't even time to eat. When those who had been close to Jesus heard, they decided they would come and get him. They thought he'd lost the plot.

Bureaucrats were telling people that he was possessed by the foreign fly god. They claimed he cast out demons, using the ruler of demons power. Jesus called them over for a thoughtful illustration. He asked how could Satan cast himself out. If a kingdom is divided against itself it cannot stand. A house divided against itself cannot stand, it will end.

You cannot plunder the house of the strong without binding them.
All human failings and insults can be forgiven, unless they are against the spirit.
Insulting purified spirits is unforgivable and subject to eternal condemnation.

Jesus brothers and mother made it to the edge of the crowd. The crowd pointed them out. He asked who his brothers and mother were. Looking at the people sitting nearby he said his mother and brothers were there. Whoever does what God wants is brother, sister or mother.

Jesus taught by the sea again. A huge crowd gathered so he sat in a boat, with the crowd on land. He gave many thoughtful illustrations.

This is a teaching. Listen afresh, a sower went out to sow. Birds devoured what fell by the road. Some fell on stony ground. It sprung up in the shallow earth and then withered in the sun. Some fell among thorns, that choked it before it could produce. Other fell on good ground producing small, medium and huge harvests.

He said for anyone with ears on their head, to hear.

When away from the crowd, those with the twelve asked him about it. He told them they'd been allowed to know how things run God's way, but it had to be cryptic for everyone else. So that though they look, they may not see and hear without understanding. Lest they turn and their sins are forgiven.

If they didn't understand this, how would they understand anything else?

The sower sows the word.

These are those by the road. When they hear Satan immediately removes what was sown in their heart.

Similarly, those sown on stony ground. When they hear it they take it in gladly. They have no root in themselves and only last for a time. Afterward when difficulties of persecution for the word pop up, they stumble.

These sown among the thorns hear the word. Day to day distractions, the lies of riches and other desires choke out the word and it becomes unfruitful.

But these are the ones sown on good ground. They hear the word, accept and bear fruit; some small amounts, some medium amounts and some huge amounts.

He also asked if you get lights, to put in boxes or under a bed. Then he said, do they not go on light stands? There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, nor anything kept secret, but to come to light.

Anyone with ears, hear.

Then he told them to pay attention to what they heard. Whatever quantity used, would be the quantity in which those who who listened, got more. Whoever had, would be given more. Those not having would be taken from.

God's workings are like seed scattered by a man. The man can go to sleep and get up the next morning. The seed should sprout and grow without the man knowing how. The earth yields crops by herself. First the blade, then the ear and then the grain in it. But as soon as the grain ripens, he sends the sickle, because the harvest has arrived.

He asked what he could compare the way God ran things with or with what could he thoughtfully illustrate it?

A mustard seed sown in the ground is smaller than all other seeds. When it is sown, it grows larger than all other plants. It shoots out large branches so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade. Jesus spoke the word with illustrations. When he was alone with the disciples he would explain everything to them.

That evening he said it was time to head across. Leaving the huge crowd they got in the boat. There were other little boats with them. A great storm arose, causing waves to bash the boat and it began to fill.

Jesus was asleep in the stern. They woke him asking if he cared that the end was near. He got up and said to the sea, “peace, be still”. He asked them why they were so fearful, still without belief. They were freaked out that the wind and sea obeyed Jesus.

They crossed the sea ending up at the country of Gadarenes. As soon as he got out of the boat a man with a tainted spirit appeared. He lived in the tombs because he could not be restrained. Despite many attempts to restrain him with shackles and chains, people had not managed to tame him as he would shatter the shackles. Day and night he wailed and cut himself.

He’d run at Jesus when he saw him in the distance. He bowed before Jesus, wanting to know what business he had with him. He called Jesus the son of the most high God and begged him not to torment him.

Jesus told the tainted spirit to get out of the man, asking what its name was.

It answered legion for they were many. It begged not to be sent from the land, instead into a herd of pigs nearby on the mountain.

Jesus okayed this and they went into the two thousand nearby pigs. The pigs then ran off a steep stop and drowned in the sea. Those who fed the pigs ran off to the city. They told people throughout the land what had happened. Hearing this people went to see what had happened.

They came to Jesus. They saw the man that had legion, now sitting, clothed and sane. They freaked out. When they found out about the pigs from those who witnessed it, they begged Jesus to leave the region.

When he got in the boat, the man that had been possessed asked to go with Jesus. Jesus didn’t permit him and said to go home to his friends, to tell them the great God had done with compassion. So the man left letting people in Decapolis know what Jesus had done for him and all marvelled.

After another crossing, another huge crowd gathered by the sea. Amazingly, one of those in charge of the meeting, Jairus came and fell at Jesus’ feet. His daughter was at death’s door and he begged him to come to touch his daughter so she could be healed. So off they went the great crowd followed pressing close.

A woman had had a bleeding problem for twelve years. She had suffered by many physicians, spending all she had only to get worse. When she heard about Jesus she came and touched his garment from behind. She reasoned this would be enough to make her well. The source of the problem was fixed and she could feel what had caused her to suffer was healed.

Jesus noticed power had gone out of him. He turned around and asked in the crowd who had touched his clothes.

Jesus’ followers pointed out he was asking who had touched him, while they were in a huge crowd pushing to get close.

Jesus looked around. The woman afraid and shaking fell down before him. She told him everything. Addressing her as daughter, he told her to go in peace and be healed. Her faith had made her well.

While he was speaking people from Jairus' house came and told him his daughter was dead.

Jesus told Jairus not to be afraid, believe. The aside from Peter, James and John no one else was allowed to go with them. When they came to Jairus house it was chaos, the weeping and wailing sort there.

Jesus asked why they were making the commotion when the child was not dead, but sleeping.

They mocked him, but he put them outside. He took the parents and those following him to where the child was lying. He told the little girl to get up. She got up and walked, which fits a twelve year old. They were overcome with amazement. Jesus told them to tell no one and get here something to eat.

Leaving there Jesus and his followers went back to his country. On the Sabbath he taught in the meeting house. People wondered where he had got his stuff from. Also what was up with the wisdom and power he had. Wasn't he just a local carpentry lad? They took offence to him.

Jesus explained that a prophet would have honour, except when they were in their own country, family or house. He was blown away by them not believing. From there he did a loop teaching at nearby villages.

Jesus called his twelve followers and sent them out in pairs. He gave them power over tainted spirits. He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except for a stick. (No bag, bread, money or extra clothes would be taken, but sandals would be worn).

Jesus also said that if they entered a house to stay there till they departed. If they don't accept you and listen, when you depart shake off the dust from your soles as a testimony against them. I assure you it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah one the day everything is sorted.

They went out and preached that people should turn their existence around. They cast out many demons and many sick were healed when they were anointed with oil. When Herod found out, he thought it was the John that dunked, back from the dead. Others thought Jesus was Elijah, a prophet or someone of the like. But Herod was convinced despite beheading John, he had been raised from the dead.

<Story of how John had upset Herod's wife omitted>

When the apostles got back to Jesus they told him everything. What they had done and taught. He said they should get to a deserted place to rest. There was so much going on they didn't have time to eat. So they left in the boat, by themselves.

But they were seen, so when they arrived a huge crowd was waiting for them. Jesus felt for them because there was no-one guiding them. So he started to teach them many things. It had been a long day, those following him came and spoke. They were in the middle of nowhere and the day was almost over. His followers wanted to send the crowd to surrounding villages to by bread.

Jesus told his followers to give them something to eat.

They asked if they were to go and get, just about forty grand worth of bread.

<2024 NZ\$?>

Jesus ask how much food was there, he told them to go and look.

They found five loaves and two fish. He told them to get the crowd to sit in groups of fifty and a hundred, on nice patches of grass. They did this.

He took the food, looked to the sky, blessed it and started breaking up the food. His followers gave the bits to the crowd. They all ate and were full. After this twelve baskets of leftovers were collected. There were at least five thousand that had eaten there.

Straight after that there he made his followers get in the boat and head across to Bethsaida. Jesus sent the crowd away. After that he headed to the mountain to pray.

When evening came his followers were half way across and he, on the land, alone. He saw them straining to row against the wind.

As it was getting closer to morning, he caught up to them and would have kept going, but they freaked out thinking he was a ghost. He told them to cheer up, not be afraid. It was him. He got in the boat and the wind stopped. They were blown away with amazement. They hadn't understood what happened with the bread because of hardened hearts.

When they got to the other side, they anchored at Gennesaret. He was recognised as soon as he got out of the boat. Those people ran through the region, bringing the sick on stretchers to wherever he was. Wherever he went the sick were laid out in the marketplaces. They begged him to just touch the hem of his clothes. Those touching him were made well.

Some elitists and bureaucrats came from Jerusalem to find Jesus. They pointed out he was wrong, because those following him ate bread without washing their hands.

Elitists like other Jews followed a tradition that they would not eat till they had washed their hands. Especially if they had come from the marketplace. There were other traditions extending to the way they washed their dishes.

Jesus said Isaiah did well to prophesise of hypocrites like them. He wrote of people acknowledging God with their speech, while their hearts were far away. Their worship was empty, teaching human rules as Gods. They skipped God's commandments to focus on rules for washing the dishes.

You really reject God's commandment's to keep your traditions. Moses said to honour your parents. Also those cursing their parents were to be killed. You have made Corban for people to no longer have anything to do with their parents and this is just the start of things.

Jesus called the huge crowd to him. He told them to hear and understand. Nothings that enters someone from outside can defile them. It is what come out of them that defiles people.

Later when they were in a house away from the crowd his followers asked him about this. He asked why they couldn't understand either. Couldn't they tell that stuff entering from outside cannot defile. It doesn't enter the heart but the stomach. What comes out of people defiles them.

It's evil plans, adultery, casual sex, murder, theft, jealousy, deceit, indecency, deliberate creepy stares, talking of God lightly, pride and foolishness. When these are the result of the state of a persons heart, they are defiled.

They left there and went to Tyre and Sidon. They tried to get to one of the houses without anyone knowing. But a Greek woman can and fell at his feet. She kept asking him to cast a demon out of her daughter. Jesus said children need to eat first, you don't take their portion and throw it to the dogs.

She responded calling him sir and pointing out that even the dogs get crumbs that fall under the table.

Jesus let her know, because of her answer, the demon had left her daughter. When she got back to her house she found her daughter lying in bed and the demon gone.

Leaving there they came to the region of Decapolis. They brought a deaf person with a speech impediment to Jesus, begging him to touch him. He put his fingers in the guys ears then spat and touched his tongue. Then he looked up to the skies saying to be opened. His ears were opened, his tongue freed and he spoke simply.

He was commanded to tell no one. But the more they told him, the greater lengths he went to, to tell others. People were beyond astonished. Jesus had done all things well. He had made the deaf hear and mute speak

At another time the crowd was huge and hadn't eaten. Jesus called his followers and told them he would have compassion because the crowd had been with him three days and had nothing to eat. If sent away now the ones that had come from far away would faint before they got back to their houses.

His followers wanted to know how they were going to feed everyone when they were in the middle of nowhere.

Jesus asked how many loaves they had. They told him there were seven. He told the huge crowd to sit down. He took the seven loaves, gave thanks, broke and gave to his followers for distribution. A couple of small fish were blessed and distributed.

Everyone ate there fill and they collected seven baskets of leftover fragments. About four thousand ate. He sent them away. Then he got in the boat with his followers and went to Dalmanutha.

Elitist came out and started arguing. They demanded a sign from heaven. He sighed and said that generation would not get one. They got back in the boat and headed for the far shore.

Jesus said to pay attention, to be wary of the yeast of elitists and Herod. They were almost out of bread. They figured he was talking about their bread supply.

He asked how they figured he was talking about bread. Did they not understand or still have hard hearts? With eyes do you not see and with ears do you not hear?

Don't you remember, when five loaves were broken for five thousand how many baskets of fragments were collected? They said twelve.

Also seven for five thousand, how many baskets of fragments were collected? They said seven.

He ask how they did not understand.

They arrived at Bethsaida. He was brought a blind man and begged to touch him. So he took the blind man by the hand and took him out of town. He spat on his eyes and touched him. He asked if he saw anything.

He said he saw people like walking trees. Jesus touched his eyes and made him look up. He was restored and saw clearly. Jesus told him not to go into town or tell anyone there.

Jesus and followers went to the towns of Caesarea Philippi. On the road he asked them who people said he was. So they said John the Baptist while others Elijah and others one of the prophets. He asked them who they said he was. Peter said he was the saviour. He warned them that they should tell no one about him.

He told them that the mere human must suffer many things, be rejected societies leaders, church officials and bureaucrats. He would be killed then after three days rise again. He said this to all of them.

Peter took him aside and told him off.

He turned to look at his other followers and told Peter off. He called him Satan and told him to get out of his sight. He was not thinking of God's matters but of human matters.

When he called people, as with the followers; he said those that wanted to go with him must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow. Whoever wants to save their life will lose it. But whoever loses it for the sake of Jesus and the message, will save it.

What profit will a person have, if they gain the whole world and lose their soul?

People might be ashamed of him in a generation going wrong and without loyalty. When God came with the pure angels, the mere human would be ashamed of those people. Jesus guaranteed that some of them there would not taste death till they had seen the way God operated, powerfully show up.

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James and John up a huge mountain. His form was changed and his clothes shone whiter than any earthly cleaning could get them. Elijah and Moses showed up to chat to Jesus.

Those following were afraid and didn't know what to do. Peter joined in the conversation addressing Jesus as teacher and saying they should make the three of them meeting houses there. One for him, Moses and Elijah.

A Godly cloud came and made what was happening seem less important. It said that this was the beloved son, hear him. Then they looked around and it was just them and Jesus again. As they headed down the mountain, he told them they should say nothing till the mere human had risen from the dead.

So they didn't say anything more about this. They were wondering about what he meant by rising from the dead, so they asked why bureaucrats said Elijah must come first.

Jesus said it was so, that Elijah coming first restored all things. Just like it said the mere human must suffer much and be treated with contempt. He told them Elijah had come and they did whatever they wished to him as it was written.

When they got back to the rest of the followers there was a huge crowd there. Bureaucrats were arguing with them. People were amazed to see Jesus and ran to greet him.

Jesus asked the bureaucrats what they were discussing. One of the crowd addressed Jesus as a teacher and said it was about his son. He had a mute spirit that would take over and throw him to the ground, foaming at the mouth. He gnashed his teeth and becomes rigid. I brought him to your followers to cast it out, but they could not.

Jesus asked how long he would have to put up with this generation and their lack of faith. He said to bring the child to him. They did and the spirit threw him to the ground shaking and foaming at the mouth.

Jesus asked the father how long it had been happening. Saying it also threw him into fire or water to end him. If Jesus could do anything, he wanted him to have compassion and help.

Jesus said if he could believe, all things are possible to the person who believes. With tears in his eyes the father shouted that he believed and asked sir to help his unbelief.

People ran over, so Jesus rebuked the deaf and dumb spirit. He told it to leave and enter no more. Then yelling and shaking the boy violently, the spirit left. The boy now seemed to be nothing but a corpse and people said so. But Jesus took him by the hand, pulling him up and he got up.

When back at a house his followers asked Jesus why they could not cast it out. Jesus let them know that kind could only come out, if prayer was earnestly developed.

They left and passed through Galilee, without anyone knowing. It was because he'd told his followers that the mere human would be betrayed into the hands of men and killed. After the third day he will rise again.

They did not understand and were afraid to ask.

They got to Capernaum. At the house he asked what they were arguing about on the road. They were quiet because they had argued about who was the best. Jesus got them to all sit down. He explained if you want to be the leader of the pack, get left behind and serve everyone.

He brought a child among them and hugged them. He said whoever accepted a child his way, accepted him. Whoever accepted him actually accepted the one who sent him.

John addressed him as teacher and said they had seen someone casting out demons using the Jesus way. They told him not to because he was not one of them. But Jesus told them not to. If they work a miracle through one moment, they won't turn around and talk trash about me the next. Those not against us are on our side. I guarantee you whoever gives you a cup of water for my way, as followers of the saviour, will not lose their reward.

However it is better to tie a heavy weight around your neck and jump into the sea, than cause a child that believes to stumble.

If your hand causes you to go wrong, cut it off. It is better to be maimed in life, than have two hands in hell. If your foot causes you to go wrong, cut it off. It is better to be lame in life, than have two feet in hell. If your eye causes you to go wrong, pluck it out. It is better to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than being cast into hell with two.

Everyone will be brought out with fire and character brought out with each sacrifice. Character is good, but if it loses its flavour it will reveal nothing. Have your own character and peace with each other.

He headed out of their, arriving at Judea from the other side of the Jordan. Again a huge crowd gathered and again he taught them. Some elitists tested him asking if divorce was legal. He asked what had Moses commanded. They said Moses permitted divorce certificates to dismiss.

Jesus told them this came about because of hard-heartedness like their own. From the beginning it was male and female to be joined as one. So why would man separate what God had joined? Later the disciples asked him about this. He explained if man or woman divorce and remarry, they commit adultery.

Children were brought to him to be touched, but the disciple told off those that had done this. Jesus was not pleased and told them to let the children come to him without forbidding them. It was like the way God ran things. If you do not get the way God does things like a child does, you can't be a part of it. He pulled the kids into his arms, laid hands on them and blessed them.

As he headed down the road a guy ran up to Jesus and knelt before him. Calling Jesus a good teacher, he asked what needed to be done to get eternal life.

Jesus asked why he'd called him good. No one's good but one, God. You know the rules to not to cheat on your spouse, murder, steal, witness falsely or defraud. To honour your father and mother. He said teacher I've done that from youth.

Jesus looked at him with love and let him know he lacked one thing. He was to sell whatever he had and give it to the poor. Then he would have treasure in heaven and could take up the cross to follow Jesus.

He left with sorrow because he had lots of possessions.

Jesus said it really hard for those with wealth to get into God's way. His followers were blown away by this. He spoke again addressing them as children. It's difficult for those trusting in wealth to get into God's way of doing things. It is easier for a camel to kneel onto it's belly and wriggle through a tiny gate.

They were blown away wondering if anyone could be saved. Jesus let them know it was impossible for people, but all things are possible for God.

Peter started going into speech mode, saying they had left all to follow him. Jesus cut him off to talk about people that left house, family and land for his or the words sake. He guaranteed they would receive a hundred times more with persecution now and eternal life in the age to come. Many first would be last and the last, first.

They took the road to Jerusalem and were amazed Jesus walked ahead. They followed, afraid. He took the twelve aside to explain what was up. Pay attention, we are going to Jerusalem and the mere human will be betrayed to the head priest and bureaucrats. They would condemn him to death and give him to the worldly. He would be mocked, whipped, spat on and killed. On the third day he would rise again.

James and John, Zebedee's boys, came and said they wanted him to do whatever he asked. He asked them what they wanted done. They said to let them sit at his left and right hand when brought to Glory.

Jesus let them know they didn't know what they were asking. Would they be able to drink from the cup he did and have the same baptism he was getting? They said they were. He agreed and said that it was not for him to decide that. When the other ten heard they were pissed at them.

Jesus gathered them together and talked about worldly leaders throwing their weight around and making sure those below them know. With them it would not be that way. With them whoever wanted to be great would be a servant. Anyone wanting to be first would be a slave of all.

Even the mere human did not come to be served, but to serve. Giving his life as a ransom for many.

They went through Jericho and by the time they left there was a huge crowd with them again. Bartimeus was blind and sat by the side of the road begging. When he heard it was Jesus the Nazarene he started shouting. He addressed Jesus as a son of David and cried out for him to have mercy on him. The crowd tried to hush him, but he cried out more.

Jesus said to call him. So they told him to cheer up and get up because he was being called. He threw aside his garment and went to Jesus. Jesus asked him what he wanted to be done. He addressed him as a great teacher and asked to be given his sight.

Jesus told him his faith had made him well. He immediately got his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

As they got near Mount Olives Jesus sent two of his followers into the village. Go into the village, find an unattended colt, untie it and return. If they were asked what they were doing they were to say sir needed it.

So they went on their way, found a colt tied by a door and untied it. They were asked what they were doing. They answered as Jesus had commanded and they were left to return. They put their clothes on it and he got on.

People had spread out their clothes and leafy branches on the road. Some went ahead of him yelling 'Hosanna, Blessed, Father David's Blessed kingdom, Hosanna in the Highest'. Jesus headed into the temple of Jerusalem. Once he had looked around it was already late so he left Bethany with the twelve.

The next day he was hungry and spotted a fig tree in the distance. After looking he found nothing, it wasn't fig season. Jesus said for no one to eat fruit from it again. His followers heard.

When back at the temple, Jesus started chasing out people selling animals or offering money services at the temple. He wouldn't even let traders take a shortcut through. He reminded them of how it was written, that this was supposed to be a place of prayer for all nations. Instead it had been turned into a den of thieves.

When the bureaucrats and head priests heard this they wanted to end him. They were afraid of how his explanations astonished people. He left the city when it was evening.

In the morning they saw the fig tree had dried up. Peter addressed him as a teacher and pointed out because he had cursed it it had withered away.

Jesus told them to believe God, guaranteeing that a person telling a mountain to be removed and chucked in the sea, will have it done. If they without doubt in the heart but believe. Therefore when they prayed, they were to believe they would receive and they would have.

When they were praying they were to let go of things they held against others. Then their father in heaven could let go of when they were in in the wrong.

They headed into Jerusalem again. Head priests, bureaucrats and elders came to him as he was walking in the temple. They demanded to who had given him what sort of authority to make changes. He said he'd ask a question, when they answered he would explain his authority to act.

He asked if John's baptism was from heaven or human. He told them to answer.

They reasoned amongst themselves. If they said John had acted with heavenly authority, they would be questioned on why they didn't believe him. But they were afraid what the people would do if they said he only had human authority. (People considered John to have been a legit prophet). So they told Jesus they did not know.

So Jesus told them he wasn't going to tell them what authorised him to act either. He gave another thoughtful illustration. It was about a man planting a vineyard, making a hedge, digging in a wine vat and building a tower. He leased it to labourers and then went to a far off country.

When the time was right he sent a servant to get some fruit from the labourers. They gave him a beating and sent him away empty handed. He sent another servant that was sent away shamefully by throwing stones till his head was wounded. Again he sent another that they killed. Others were sent some beaten some killed.

Since he still had a son he sent him to them thinking that they would respect him. But the labourers thought it was their chance to kill him and then the ownership would fall to them. So they killed the son and threw him from the vineyard.

Jesus asked what they thought the owner would do. He'll destroy the labourers and give the vineyard to others. Had they not read that the stone builders rejected had become the main cornerstone. This was Sir's doing and it was marvellous.

They knew the illustration was about them and wanted to deal to him. But they were afraid of the huge crowd so they left.

More Elitists and Herod's followers were sent to try to get him say something incriminating. They called him a teacher, praising his true nature, lack of care for human nature and explaining God's truths instead.

They asked if it was legal to pay tax to Caesar or not? Should they pay or not?

Realising they wanted to test him for the same sort of rubbish they tried, he asked why they were testing him. Jesus got them to bring a coin to see. He asked who's image and inscription were on it.

They replied it was Caesar's.

Finishing the answer Jesus said to give Caesar things that are his and give God the things that are his. People were amazed.

Then those of a religion that claimed death was it questioned him. They gave a scenario about seven brothers and the Mosaic take your brothers wife if he dies rule. The told that one by one each brother married the woman and then died. Because all seven had married her they wanted to know who's wife she would be in resurrection.

Jesus told them that they were way off because they didn't know scripture or God's power. Those that rise from the dead don't marry, they are like angels. To further clear up dead rising, did you not read the bit about the bush? God spoke saying he was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Your way off talking death, when God is the God of the living.

Another bureaucrat understood Jesus was answering things really well. He asked what the number one commandment was.

Jesus answered reciting 'Listen Israel, Sir God is one. Work for the best for Sir God with all your heart soul mind and strength, this is number one. And second work for the best for those around you as you do for yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

The bureaucrat addressed him as a teacher and said he had spoken the truth well. There is one God no other. Doing the best for him with all the heart, soul, understanding and strength, while doing the best for those around you like for yourself; is more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Jesus said that he was not far from God's way.
After that no-one came with any more tricks.

He explained another thing at the temple. He asked why bureaucrats said that the saviour would be David's son. When David through Pure Spirit said that Sir wanted him to sit at his right hand and he would make his enemies his footstool. So if David calls him Sir, how will the saviour be his son? People were relieved about this.

He also explained to be wary of the bureaucrats. There are ones that want nice clothes, greetings at the shops, the best seats at the meeting house, the best seats at feasts, widow's houses and to seem important by making long prayers. They will get the most condemnation.

While sitting opposite the treasury, they watched people give money. Many rich gave much. Then one widow came and gave two bits of change. He called his followers near. He guaranteed them that the widow had given more than the others. They had given out of their abundance and she had given everything.