



# The Christ of the Ages

IN WORDS OF HOLY WRIT

*Being the Story of Jesus drawn from the Old and  
New Testaments, and Compiled by*

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Τίς ἐστὶν ὁ νικῶν τὸν κόσμον  
εἰ μὴ ὁ πιστεύων ὅτι Ἰησοῦς  
ἐστὶν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ;

*1 J. v, 5.*



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To my Mother,  
AND TO THE ILLUMINATED TEACHER  
AND GODLY MAN,  
The Rev. Wm. D. Du Bose, S. T. D.,  
THIS COMPILATION IS  
INSCRIBED,  
WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE



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*NO* one who conceives all poetry as an effort to give utterance to worship—an artistic ritual of adoration, will fail to ask himself, why there has been no poem on the Christ. Milton ventured to deal with the temptation in poetico-theologic manner; Klopstock in an evil hour strove to adorn the gospel story with “beautiful inventions;” Edwin Arnold, who made the “Light of Asia” shine wherever English is spoken, lost heart and cunning when he attempted to show forth the “Light of the World.” The greatest theme ought to be also the easiest theme; for the worship being absolute the words ought assuredly to be most inspired! Was it from a lack of real honest worship for the heroic, the beautiful, the divine? Or was it because the poet deemed the Gospel story sufficient, and dared not attempt to better the best?

Much as we prize the Gospels, however, it is clear that from them, as they stand, we can not easily obtain a portrait of the Master. They are chronicles; not his-

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*stories, much less epics. Actuated by this reflection, I ventured to ponder a poem, which should freely use the Bible materials, and offer a portrait of the Christ.*

*But the Christ is He we see—not He alone whom the Gospels give. We have for centuries labored to emphasize, this and that in the story. We have enriched the New Testament with whatever we most loved in the Old. Our Jesus is as much from the Psalter, from Isaiah, from Genesis and Kings, as from the Gospels. The Apocalypse, and the kindred parts of Ezekiel and Daniel; Proverbs, the Wisdom of Solomon, and the Book of Job—all have helped to paint for us the portrait of the Son of man. It is not a question of Messianic intent in the Old Testament. It is merely a matter of Christian appropriation. The New Testament has set out to conquer and annex the Old. Let the higher critics prove, if they can, that such conquests are illegitimate and violent—the Christian consciousness smiles lovingly and amused at these learned protesters, and goes on conquering and to conquer in spite of caveats, and sorrowful appeals to the historic sense. And the Christian consciousness is right. The figure of the Christ is but indicated in the gospels. As centuries go on, He becomes more distinct. The farther the nearer, thanks to the improved perspective. Demands make us suspect supply; more than that, make*

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*us sure of its existence in Him. If the Old Testament here or there suggests that the like demand was made before our era, then may we not use those expressions—irrespective of context—to express what we know was in and of the Christ?*

*So it seemed to me quite clear that I must order my material as the Christian consciousness had already ordered it, proportion it accordingly, and utilize whatever would assist in filling out actual silences, or serve to knit closely parts left in the Gospels disconnected. The Christian year thus became my guide:—*

*Advent: The Coming.*

*Epiphany: The Showing.*

*Lent: The Testing.*

*Holy Thursday*

*Good Friday*

*Easter*

*The Ascension*

*Whitsunday*

} : *The Tragedy.*

} : *The Glorification.*

*only with this innovation, that the Feast of the Transfiguration was felt to be the needed beginning of the Tragedy, and the "Second Coming" required to complete the whole. The "Messianic" material of the Old Testament could be utilized to prepare for the Story of the Birth; and to fill in the forty days in the Wilderness. The temptations turned on "if thou be the Son*

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of God;” then clearly the period was filled with thoughts of what such divine sonship meant; and the thoughts of Jesus must have included all the great things in the Old Testament which would help to set forth that meaning; else would the Temptations be formally resisted with Scripture quotations?

So the scheme was clearly developed:

I. The Incarnation.

II. The Temptation.

III. The Transfiguration.

IV. The Messianic Entrance.

V. The Passover.

VI. The Passion.

VII. The Risen Christ.

VIII. A Vision of Last Things.

When, after great labor, the materials were gathered and ordered—a sort of “Harmony” produced; the selection of the best with reference to simplicity was made by elimination of what could best be spared, (only one preaching, only one healing, and so forth.—) lest there be repetitions, and a disturbance of that feeling that it was He we were concerned with, rather than his words or deeds. When this difficult and often apparently quite arbitrary process reached its natural end—nothing remained to do but write the Poem. Ah, that “nothing” proved to be everything. I was unable

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to do it. Who could improve in the main on the language of the *Authorized Version*? Obscure places could be helped by use of the "Revised"—or by insertions from some other Biblical passage of the appropriate phrase—but, on the whole—improve on the language? May be a Shakespeare and Milton in one might—but even then only for such as had not heard from childhood the rhythm and diction of the "Great Bible" and the "Authorized"!

So, not being wholly deprived of reason by zeal, I gave up the enterprise. Yet not wholly to lose my arduous labors, not altogether to fail in presenting "the Christ of the Ages" I resigned myself to the humble task of making a mere mosaic of Scripture. Only two or three phrases in it are not actually Biblical, and they are from the *Book of Enoch*—or are quite unnoticeably used as connectives.

The result, however, was troublesome. The pieces of the Mosaic stood apart from one another too sharply. A cement must be found to fill the crevices. This demanded some measure of rearrangement of words, structural inversions, syntactical changes; and these in turn needed to be "licensed"—wherefore verse seemed absolutely necessary. But what verse? Into the English so called "iambic pentameter" or "regular" blank verse it was quite impossible to cast the Bible language

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which is so largely anapaestic in movement. Hence the free "loose" blank verse, as used by the later Jacobean dramatists was resorted to—which ranges from "prose" cut in lines of five rhythmic beats, to eloquent sequences of the characteristic alternate stress.\*

Thus did the "Christ of the Ages in Words of Holy Writ" come to be compiled. The History of the Compilation is its apology, if such be needed. But if a further apology for publication should seem necessary—then let this be set down:—an attempt that should be judged a failure will serve as a prophecy of the desired success. Some one will condemn this attempt, and do better! If so, then the publication will have served to supplant itself, which is the highest aim of every honest piece of work however ambitious—to breed its better, and pass out hailing a fairer advent! Meanwhile, there may be some who will find this Compilation, such as it is, not unuseful. If so, may they use it! With which Godspeed—let the Foreword end and the Compilation begin.

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\* See *Beaumont and Fletcher's or Massinger's Plays*.



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TRANSCRIPT I

**The Incarnation**



*The soul's  
need of a  
divine rev-  
elation de-  
clared, and  
the time  
thereof  
called into  
question*

- 1 Canst thou, O Soul, by searching find out God,  
thy heart's desire, life of thy secret life,  
in splendor man may not approach unto  
dwelling, immortal; whom no eye hath seen,  
5 or can see ever, wrapped in the thick dark  
of utter human blindness? Yet the strong,  
the true, the wise have striven to hear, see, hold,  
sound of the voice, shine of the countenance,  
hem of the garment, yea, the very Self—  
10 unspeakable beauty, bodiless glory occult,  
music' creative, thrilling the vast hush  
of formless void. From man whom thou hast made  
expressly Thee in life, in death to seek,  
why hidest thou thyself, O God? How long  
15 ere, harkening, Thou wilt answer to his call?  
Not till, he stand thy fellow at length, and shout  
ecstatal for joy of his own life  
omnipotent, divine?

*In answer  
to prayer,  
an appari-  
tion of  
the ancient  
seers of  
God*

- Silence, my soul,  
thy prayer is surely heard. For who be they  
20 rising serene—visions not of the night,  
dazzling the day? The spirits of just men  
made perfect, saints that saw and lived, that see  
forever undying, the Invisible God?

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Lo! th' pure in heart of old, the blessèd dead—  
25 an holy multitude innumerable  
thronging the heaven, and some methinks appear  
familiar:—

*Adam's  
desire to  
be as God  
and his  
fear*

Adam first, the son of God,  
the father of all living, he who chose  
rather than idle bliss in Eden, death,  
30 that he might know, eyes open, good from ill  
and be as God. Who, seeing then himself  
dust of the ground and naked, (ignorant  
that in his nostrils was the breath of life,  
yea, and His after whose likeness man was formed),  
35 hid for shame his face when, through the trees  
in the cool of day, God passed.

*Enoch's  
vision of  
the Son of  
Man*

Behold, again:  
Enoch the fearless seer that walked with God  
in humble intimacy; and, lifted up,  
saw the elect, the preexistent Son  
40 of man,—of woman,—worshipped; kings and lords  
earth's potentates, their faces to the dust  
doing Him reverence, who is judge of all,  
wielding dominion in the heavens,—his seat  
the supreme throne of glory;—and having seen,  
45 by faith translated, Enoch saw not death,—  
he was not, for God took him.

*Noah and  
his pledge  
of God's  
goodwill*

Lo! the man  
who did according unto all the Lord  
commanded him, and in the cloud beheld

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his bow of promise spanning the green earth :  
50 token of an eternal covenant  
unto all flesh.

*Job's re-  
pentance  
that he  
judged  
of God by  
holy  
hearsay*

Lo ! he, once sorely tried,  
who though God slew him yet would trust in God,  
who, when, out of a whirlwind from the North  
lurid and wonderful, his God at last  
55 spake, and declared the foundations of the earth,  
the springs of the sea, the door of the shadow of death,  
the excellency and beauty of the Lord,  
the glory and terror of his holy arm,  
abhorred himself, crying : "I heard of thee  
60 by the hearing of the ear. But now, mine eye  
seeth Thee."

*Abraham  
the friend  
of God*

Lo, the patriarch, friend of God  
which called him out of Uz (Himself his shield  
and his exceeding great reward) and brought  
the old man childless forth alone at night  
65 bidding him look toward heaven and tell the stars  
if he could number them, swearing his seed  
as they should be,—and Abraham doubted not.  
Yea, at an altar when the sun went down,  
and horror of great darkness fell on him,  
70 a smoking furnace and a burning lamp,  
the Lord, to promise him the land, appeared,  
and often met him afterward, and spake  
face to face with him.

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*Jacob,  
renamed  
Israel*

Lo! one following close,  
Jacob, supplanter, which in dream beheld  
75 the stair of heaven, whereon the angels passed  
ascending and descending; and, one night,  
years after, wrestled in an agony,  
but when the day brake, weary, yet prevailed  
and won a blessing, though the holy name  
80 of Him, he strove with, remained secret still.

*Moses and  
his prayer  
for knowl-  
edge of  
God*

And lo! the meek man, awful lawgiver,  
king in Jeshurun, not content with seeing,  
(he, and his nobles chosen from Israël,)  
the feet of God rest on a pavement clear  
85 as the sapphire body of heaven; prayed to be shown  
himself the perfect glory. Wherefore, hid  
in a cleft rock, the goodness of the Lord  
passed by before him, and the name divine  
"I will be that I am" in thunder pealed.

*David, and  
the Lord  
of hosts*

90 Behold the youth which slew in the Lord's might  
the Philistine reviler;—outlaw, king,  
warrior and sweet psalm-singer,—saw he not  
his God in Zion, horrible, prepared  
for battle with the foes of righteousness,  
95 shaking the earth, the sea, the firmament?—  
Yet, crowned forever above storm?

*Elijah,  
who heard  
God, and  
was  
translated*

Behold  
fearing not kings nor tumults, fugitive  
from woman's wrath, Elijah, he that knew  
God was not in the great strong wind which rent



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100 the mountains, nor in earthquake, nor in fire  
roaring, but in the still small Voice ; wherefore  
the chariot of fire, the steeds of fire  
appeared, and by a whirlwind went he up  
to heaven.

*Isaiah's  
vision of  
glory  
in the  
temple*

Lo, a gentler prophet, he that saw  
105 in th' temple the Lord sitting on a throne,  
whose train did fill the courts, while seraphim  
stood by the throne and one to the other cried  
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts!"  
At sound whereof the great door-pillars shook,  
110 the temple gloomed with smoke, and the seer wailed :  
"Woe 's me, for now mine eyes have seen the King!"

*Ezekiel's  
vision of  
the throne*

Lo, Ezeekiël, the priest, by Chebar's stream  
watching a cloud,—a brightness—from whose midst  
the amber storm-light shone ; and cherubim  
115 six-winged, of fire ; and beryl wheels in wheels  
that came and went as lightning at the will  
of their One Spirit ; and over these stretched forth  
of terrible crystal a firmament, whereon beamed  
the sapphire throne, and He which sat therein  
120 a living flame, around whom spread the bow  
an emerald sheen of hope.

*Daniel and  
John be-  
hold the  
Son of God*

Then Daniël  
by the river Hiddekel, pleasing to God,  
and John, on Patmos Isle, clearer than he,  
were vouchsafed the same vision glorious :

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- 125 Ancient of days, his hair as new-fallen snow  
on Hermon Hill; the sun in noon-day fierce,  
his face; the eyes like the white flame; seven stars  
in his right hand, out of his mouth a sword  
two edged, keen, smiting the hypocrite;  
130 his feet as molten brass from th' furnace poured;  
his voice pronouncing doom, like shout of host,  
or sound of many waters—yea, of seas  
roaring to the abyss!

*Prayer  
for a  
revelation  
to the  
humble*

- O God, O God,  
they that have seen thee live, and in their face  
135 shineth a bliss perpetual, heroes, priests,  
kings, prophets,—pure in heart—thy servants strong.  
But, Lord, wilt thou not show thyself to us  
ev'n unto *us* also feeble though we be?

*The well  
by the  
gate of  
Bethlehem*

- King David, sore bestead, cried: "O that One  
140 would give me drink of the water of the well  
by the gate of Bethlehem!" and through the host  
of Philistines three mighty captains brake,  
brought in their helmets water from that well  
for the king's thirst: he, nevertheless, the brave,  
145 drank not thereof, (too precious for his lips  
the blood of men that jeoparded their life  
with joy) but shed it forthwith on the ground,  
an off'ring unto the Lord, acceptable.  
But now, all men who thirst may freely drink  
150 of that sweet Well.

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*The  
prophecies  
fulfilled  
in the  
fulness of  
time*

Behold, it hath come to pass,  
(as by the prophet aforetime spake the Lord)  
that he out of little Bethlehem went forth  
who should be ruler, the Lion of the tribe  
of Judah, in the strength of the Lord to stand  
155 and feed, in the majesty of the holy Name  
unto the earth's end conqueror and king.  
For unto us, seekers after God, who pray  
as Moses in the Mount "although we die  
show us thy glory," yet are, as Adam afraid  
160 to see,—a child is born, a child of Man,  
yea, unto us the poor in spirit and meek—  
a Son is given, the Son of the Most High,  
upon his shoulder the government, his name  
Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God,  
165 the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace  
seated forever on King David's throne,  
his girdle righteousness, wisdom his crown,  
his scepter love. And thus it came to pass:—

*The  
annuncia-  
tion*

At Nazareth, a city of Galilee  
170 in days of Herod the Judæan king,  
a maiden dwelt betrothèd to a man  
of David's house, and Joseph was his name,  
the maiden's Mary. Now to her alone,  
an angel came, from God sent, Gabriël,  
175 who, coming in said unto her; "Mary, hail  
thou that are highly favored; for the Lord  
is with thee." At heart sore-troubled, wondering  
what manner of salutation this might be,  
the angel spake again to her: "Fear not,

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180 for thou with God hast favor found. Behold,  
thou shalt in thy womb conceive, and bear a son,  
and call his name Jesus, God Saviour.  
Great shall he be, the son of the Most High.  
The throne of his father David, the Lord God  
185 shall give him, over Israel to reign  
and of his kingdom shall there be no end!"

*The  
answer of  
Mary and  
Gabriel's  
further  
speech*

Unto the angel then spake Mary: "Lord,  
how shall this be?" And Gabriel answered her:  
"The Holy Ghost shall come on thee, the power,  
190 of the Most High shall overshadow thee,  
and therefore that which must of thee be born  
is holy—Son of God! Lo, Elizabeth,  
she that was barren called, thy kinswoman,  
hath also now conceived in her old age  
195 a son!"

*Mary goes  
to visit  
Elizabeth*

And Mary spake again: "Behold  
the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me  
according to thy word." And she arose  
and went into the hill-country with haste  
to a city of Judah, entering the house  
200 of Zacharias, the righteous priest, who walked  
blameless in all the ordinances divine.

*Elizabeth  
greeteth  
Mary*

Now when Elizabeth, his wife devout,  
the greeting of her visitor had heard,  
in a loud cry she lifted up her voice  
205 filled with the Holy Ghost, and said to her:  
"Blessèd among women thou, and whence this grace

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that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
for, lo, as soon as thy salutation reached  
mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

210 And blessèd thou, who believest there shall be  
performance of all things which from the Lord  
were told thee!" And answering Mary said:

*The  
Virgin  
giveth  
thanks to  
God*

215 "My soul  
doth magnify the Lord. In God my Saviour  
my spirit hath rejoiced, for the low estate  
he hath regarded of his handmaiden.  
Behold all generations from henceforth  
shall call me blessèd; for He that mighty is  
hath magnified me, and holy is his Name;  
whose mercy is on them that fear Him, yea  
220 from generation to generation. Strength  
He hath with his arm show'd forth, scattering the proud  
in the vain imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
the humble and meek exalting. He hath filled  
225 the hungry with good things, sending away  
empty the rich. He hath holpen Israël  
his servant; in remembrance (as he spake  
to our forefathers) of his mercy sworn  
Abraham, and his seed forevermore."

*Mary is  
told of  
Zacharias'  
vision*

230 Then tarried she in Zacharias' house,  
and from Elizabeth her kinswoman  
the wondrous story learned: how ministering  
in the priest's office according to his lot  
her kinsman in the temple before God

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- 235 burned incense, when he saw on the right side  
of the altar standing, the angel of the Lord,  
and terror fell on him. But the angel said  
“Fear not, thy prayer is heard. Elizabeth  
thy wife, shall bear a son, whom thou shalt call  
240 John, The Lord’s gracious gift. For, at his birth  
joy shalt thou have and gladness. In the sight  
of God great even from his mother’s womb,  
filled with the Holy Ghost, in the spirit and power  
of Elijah shall he go before His face,  
245 turning the heart of the fathers to the children,  
and the children to the wisdom of the just  
from disobedience ; making against He come  
a people ready for the Lord.”

*Zacharias’  
doubt,  
and the  
sign*

- Then asked  
Zacharias (for an old man he, his wife  
250 well stricken in years) : “What token showest thou  
whereby I shall know—this thing shall come to pass?”  
The angel answered : “I am Gabriël  
which in the presence stand of God, his face  
always beholding, sent these tidings glad  
255 to shew thee. Therefore, because thou hast not believed  
my words which in their time must be fulfilled,  
thou shalt be silent, neither able to speak  
until the day that all have come to pass.”  
The multitude of the people praying without  
260 at length perceived that in the sanctuary  
he had seen a vision ; for, he could not speak,  
when forth he came, but beckoned to them, dumb.

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*The angel  
appeareth  
unto  
Joseph  
in a dream*

Now from Judæa returned, at Nazareth  
Mary was found with child; and Joseph thought  
265 (a just man merciful) what he should do,  
when the angel of the Lord appeared in dream  
saying: "Fear not. Take unto thee Mary, thy wife  
for, of the Holy Ghost hath she conceived.  
A son shall she bring forth, and thou shalt call  
270 his name Jesus, God Saviour, for 't is He  
shall from their sins deliver his people. And now  
all this was done—that it might be fulfilled  
which by the prophet was spoken of the Lord:  
"With child, the virgin shall a son bring forth,  
275 and they shall call his name Emmanuël,  
God with us." Joseph, raised from sleep, no more  
minded to put her privily away,  
forthwith brought Mary his espousèd wife  
to his own home.

*The birth  
of Jesus in  
Bethlehem  
and the  
angelic  
appari-  
tions  
unto the  
shepherds*

In those days a decree  
280 went out from Augustus Caesar, that all the world  
be taxed. So Joseph, of the lineäge  
and house of David, took Mary his wife  
though great with child, and went from Galilee up  
to Bethlehem of Judah. So it fell  
285 (because in the Inn there was for them no room)  
that in a stable Mary her first-born son  
brought forth, and laid him wrapped in swaddling  
clothes  
in the manger. But, meanwhile, shepherds by night  
abided to keep watch over their flock

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290 among the fields. Lo, the angel of the Lord  
stood by them, and the glory of the Lord  
shone round about, and they were sore afraid.  
“Fear ye not” spake the angel “for behold  
I bring to you glad tidings of great joy  
295 which shall be to all people. In Bethlehem  
the city of David, unto you this day  
is born a Saviour which is Christ the Lord,  
and this the sign: that ye shall find the Babe  
lying in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes.”

*The adoration of Jesus by the shepherds* 300 Then was there with the angel suddenly  
a multitude of the heavenly Host which cried:  
“Glory to God in the Highest; on earth peace,  
good will toward men.” When the angels into heaven  
away were gone from them, the shepherds said  
305 one to another, “Even to Bethlehem  
now let us go and see this thing the Lord  
hath made us know.” And coming with great haste  
they found Mary and Joseph, and in the manger laid  
the Babe; whom having seen they noised abroad  
310 the saying which was told them of this Child.  
And they that heard wondered. But Mary kept  
all these things in her heart, and pondered them.  
So glorifying and praising God returned  
the shepherds to their flocks.

*The circumcision of Jesus and*

On the eighth day  
at the circumcising of the child, his name  
was called Jesus; and after, when the time  
of their purification was fulfilled



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*Simeon's  
hymn of  
thanks-  
giving*

according to the law, they brought the Child  
unto Jerusalem to offer up  
320 the appointed sacrifice of the first-born  
that openeth the womb (two turtle doves)—  
and to present him holy to the Lord.  
And lo, in Jerusalem a man devout  
and just, to whom it was of the Holy Ghost  
325 revealed that he should surely not see death  
before he saw the Lord's Christ—Simeon—  
into the temple by the spirit came  
when the parents brought the child, and in his arms  
took Jesus blessing God and saying: "Lord,  
330 now lettest thou thy servant in peace depart  
according to thy word. For lo, mine eyes  
have seen the salvation which thou hast prepared  
before the face of all. A light to lighten  
the Nations, and the glory of Israël  
335 thy people."

*Simeon  
fore-  
warneth  
Mary.*

And Simeon blessed them saying  
to Mary his mother: "Behold this child is set  
for the fall and rising up in Israël  
of many, and for a sign, spoken against  
that the thought of every heart may be revealed—  
340 yea, and a sword through thine own soul shall pierce!"

*A  
prophetess  
rejoiceth  
in the  
Child*

But Anna the daughter of Phanuël, of the tribe  
of Aser, which—worshipping day and night—  
a widow of great age, from the temple of God  
departed not, a prophetess of the Lord,—  
345 at that same instant entered and gave thanks

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likewise with joy, and spake of Him to all  
that in Jerusalem for redemption looked.  
And the child grew, and waxed in spirit strong,  
with wisdom filled, and with the grace of God.

*Hymn of gratulation that Israel hath in the Child her promised redeemer* 350 Awake! Awake! hearken O Israël,  
though darkness gross cover the earth, the Lord  
hath risen upon thee. Therefore thou arise!  
Shine, for thy Light is come, and round about  
the nations gather themselves, and mighty kings  
to the brightness of his dawn. Behold, the Lord  
createth thee new heavens and a new earth;  
the sun, which goeth at even down, no more  
shall rule thy day, neither by night the moon,  
which waneth, but the Lord himself, the Lord  
360 shall be thine everlasting Light,—thy God  
thy Glory. Henceforth none shall labor in vain,  
with sorrow unto sorrow none bring forth,  
none hurt, and none destroy. But wolf with lamb  
dwell freely, yea leopard with kid lie down,  
365 lion and ox together feed, and men  
be righteous all, for, lo! a little Child  
shall lead them, him the Lord of old hath called:  
The Prince of Peace, Wonderful, Counsellor  
the Everlasting Son, the Mighty God!

TRANSCRIPT II

**The Temptation**



- 1 The Beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God.

*The  
preaching  
of the  
son of  
Zacharias  
by Jordan*

- Behold I send before me  
my messenger. In the wilderness a voice  
crying: "all flesh is grass, and, as the flower  
5 of the field, the goodliness thereof; the grass  
withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word  
of God shall stand forever. Level ye then  
His highway; every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountaintop brought low; make straight  
10 the crooked, the rough places plain, for He,  
whom ye delight in, cometh suddenly  
unto his temple. Lift ye up your head  
ye gates, ye everlasting doors lift up,  
for the King of glory entereth. But who  
15 may abide that day, and when He appeareth, stand?  
for He, the Lord of hosts, mighty in war,  
searcher of hearts, is judge. Return therefore  
unto his ordinances. Repent! For nigh  
is He that cometh. Wash you, make you clean!"

*John  
resenteth  
the*

- 20 So John, the son of Zacharias, clothed  
with raiment of camel's hair, about his loins  
the leathern girdle, (locusts, and from the rock

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*approach  
of  
Pharisees  
and  
Sadducees*

wild honey, his meat) filled with the Holy Ghost,  
the baptism of repentance preached; and vast  
25 multitudes from Jerusalem went out,  
yea, and from all Judæa, and were baptized  
in Jordan for remission of sins. But John,  
when many Pharisees and Sadducees  
thronged also about him, cried: "Who warneth you  
30 O generation of vipers, that you flee  
from wrath to come? Behold, unto the root  
is laid the axe already, and every tree  
that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be hewn down  
and cast into the fire. Wherefore, bear fruits  
35 worthy of repentance; nor, say ye in your heart  
'We have Abraham to our father!' Is not God  
presently able of these desert stones  
to raise up children unto Abraham?"

*John  
predicteth  
that the  
Christ  
will  
shortly  
come*

But as the people in expectation mused  
40 of John, whether or no he were the Christ,  
he answered: "Nay, but mightier far than I  
there cometh One, the latchet of whose shoe  
not worthy am I to stoop down and unloose.  
I indeed unto repentance have baptized  
45 with water; He with wind of God and fire  
baptizeth you. Whose fan is in his hand  
and thoroughly will he purge his floor; and, the wheat  
into his garner gathering, burn the chaff  
with fire unquenchable."

*Jesus  
cometh*

Now in those days,  
50 when all the people went out for to see—

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*to be bap-  
tized of  
John  
in Jordan*

no reed in the wilderness shaken in the wind,  
nor such as live in king's courts delicately  
apparelled in soft raiment gorgëous,  
but verily a great prophet, (—yea, and more—  
55 for he bare witness of the Light)—there came  
from Galilee Jesus also. And John forbade  
saying: "I have need to be baptized of Thee,  
and comest Thou to me?" But Jesus said:  
"Suffer it now, for it becometh us  
60 so to fulfill all righteousness."

*The Voice  
from  
heaven  
acknowl-  
edgeth  
Jesus*

And lo,  
when Jesus, being baptized in Jordan, prayed,  
the heaven was opened, and the spirit of God  
descended, lighting as a dove on Him;  
and out of heaven a Voice which said: "Thou art  
65 my belovèd Son; in Thee am I well pleased."  
Then Jesus went from the water straightway up,  
and the spirit drave him into the wilderness,  
where forty days he fasted, and forty nights  
dwelt with the wild beasts, Satan tempting Him.

*The medi-  
tation of  
Jesus*

70 So, full of the Holy Ghost with his own soul  
He communed long.

*Israel and  
Judah  
heirs of the  
promise*

Did not the Lord declare:  
"Israel is my Son, yea, my firstborn?"  
that out of Judah, whom his father blessed,  
as a great lion, (gone up from the prey),  
75 couching, a scepter should arise,—a star?  
Now shall his gathering of the people be,

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and nigh is thy salvation? The barren place  
like Eden shall with a voice of melody  
be glad, and blossom as the rose?

*That prophet  
like unto  
Moses,  
and the  
law in  
men's  
hearts*

80 Spake not from heaven the Lord: "Thou art my Son?" O God,  
hast thou from among my brethren raised up Me—  
that prophet—like unto thy Chosen of old  
whom out of the midst of the bush, which unconsumed  
at foot of Horeb burned with flame of fire,  
85 thou calledst forth from shepherding the flock  
of Jethro, through the wilderness to lead  
thy sheep? This day wilt thou establish new  
thy covenant—to pour out on all flesh  
thy spirit, and in their hearts to write thy law?

*The glory  
of that  
prophet,  
and the  
gladness of  
his coming*

90 Beautiful on the mountains are the feet  
of Him that bringeth Zion good tidings. Shout  
for joy together, ye watchmen, shout and sing:  
"Lo, thy Redeemer cometh unto thee!  
Blessèd who eye to eye beholdeth Him!"

*Jesus  
pondereth  
the fulfil-  
ment of  
these  
promises  
in  
Himself*

95 Hath the spirit of God anointed Me to preach  
unto the meek his gospel; and, them that mourn  
comforting, to proclaim the acceptable year?  
From me, Lord, wilt thou have thy law proceed  
which biddeth go free the prisoner in bonds,  
strengtheneth the weak hands, and the feeble knees  
100 confirmeth; yea, which openeth all blind eyes,  
deaf ears unstopeth, and maketh as an hart  
the lame to leap, that the tongue of the dumb sing:—



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“Be strong, fear not. Behold your God shall save.  
105 Like smoke heaven vanisheth, earth waxeth old  
as a worn garment, but his word endureth?”

*and  
Trium-  
phantly in-  
quireth  
whether He  
be not that  
110 prophet*

Truth  
and mercy at last are met together? Peace  
and righteousness have one another kissed?  
And shall this day thy mountain be, O Lord  
above the hills exalted, that thy sons  
and daughters thither from afar may throng?  
And wilt thou cry through Me: “Ho every one  
that hungereth, and thirsteth (where none is,  
seeking for water) come, without money buy  
115 drink wine and milk?” Wilt thou command through  
Me

“Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the road,  
remove the stumbling block, over the hills  
make straight and large the highway of holiness  
wherein, though fools, men faring shall not err?”  
120 The house of the glory of the Lord wilt thou  
build, laying in Sion a tried and precious stone,  
a deep and sure foundation at the head  
of the corner, judgment meted to the line,  
and righteousness to the plummet—even a stone  
125 rejected of the builders?

*His spirit  
rejoiceth  
in this  
heavenly  
call*

Sing, O sing  
ye heavens! Be joyful, earth! Mountains and hills  
shout! And ye trees of the field clap, clap your hands!  
for in the temple, the High and Holy One,  
inhabiting eternity, shall dwell

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130 with contrite and with humble men of heart,  
to revive their spirit and to be their God!

*Jesus  
further  
pondereth  
the prom-  
ise of a  
perfect  
priest*

No peace to the wicked? Yet the covenant  
of peace thou gavest unto Phinehas,  
an everlasting priesthood to the Lord,  
135 because, zealous for Thee and Israël,  
he made atonement. Me, O God, thy zeal  
consumeth.

*The need  
for such a  
priest to  
make  
atonement*

As a troubled sea, whose waves  
cast mire, the wicked rage; but thou hast set,  
mightier than they, Righteousness in their midst—  
140 our Rock. They gather together, and counsel take  
in vain against us, all the kings of earth,  
for surely one shall say: "In Thee is strength  
O Lord sufficient for us!" Israël,  
fallen by his iniquity, hath destroyed  
145 Himself. But waiting patiently, I looked  
and saw no intercessor:—righteousness  
his breastplate, thy salvation on his head  
for helmet, zeal his garment. Yet, O Lord  
after the order of Melchizedek

150 who brought forth (King of Salem) bread and wine  
to bless our father Abraham, thou hast sworn  
to make a priest forever? And from heaven  
thy voice even now declared: "Thou art my son?"

*Where-  
with shall  
atonement  
be made?*

Then wherewith shall I come before Thee, Lord?  
155 The cattle on a thousand hills, the fowls  
of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field

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are thine. Wilt thou with thousands of rivers of oil  
be pleased, or clouds of costly incense sweet?  
Thine the whole world, and the fulness thereof thine.  
160 Burnt offering, sacrifice, sabbath, new moon,  
appointed feast, solemn assembly—these  
Thou wouldst not; yet hast made thy people priests  
showing them what is good, commanding them  
in the beauty of holiness to worship Thee,  
165 offer thanksgiving, and the sacrifice  
of a broken spirit and a contrite heart.  
Lo I come, God—Father—to do thy will!

*Jesus  
seeth in  
vision the  
patriarch  
Job*  
170 Now Jesus, musing so in the wilderness  
beheld a vision :—Satan answering  
the Lord of heaven “Doth Job fear God for naught?  
Yea, all that a man hath for his own life  
he giveth.” But, smitten then in bone and flesh,  
Job held fast his integrity, and prayed  
for them—his friends—who, justifying God,  
175 imputed sin unto the Suffërer.

*The fiery  
serpents in  
the wilder-  
ness*  
180 The vision changed. Behold a multitude  
writhing with pain abominable and grief,—  
serpents of fire from the Lord sent—and they  
alone did live which looked on One of brass,  
by Moses lifted up.

*The  
Passover  
night*  
Behold again :  
the Lord’s destroyer smote, through all the land  
of Egypt, the first-born in every house  
the lintel and two side-posts of whose door

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smoked not that night with blood of the lamb, slain—  
185 the Lamb without a blemish.

*Abraham's  
sacrifice  
of his  
son and  
the Lord's  
promise*

Abraham—  
(the vision changing)—climbed the mountain side  
with Isaac, the only son of his old age.  
And Isaac spake: "My Father." "Here am I  
my Son" said Abraham. Then answered him  
190 Isaac: "Behold, my Father, in my hand  
the fire, and the wood I bear. Where is the lamb  
for a burnt offering?" And Abraham spake:  
"My Son, God will provide himself a lamb."  
Then coming to the place God told him, there—  
195 Abraham built an altar and laid thereon  
the wood in order, and bound his only son  
Isaac, and would have slain the son he loved.  
But lo, an angel cried: "Lay not thine hand,  
Abraham, on the lad; for now I know  
200 thou fearest God, nor hast withheld from me  
thine only son. Because, obeying my voice  
thou hast this done, all nations of the earth  
shall in thy Seed be blessed."

*The  
righteous  
man, son  
of God,  
persecuted  
of the  
wicked*

The vision changed.  
Behold, the ungodly made a covenant  
with death;—"Let us oppress the righteous man  
205 whose life is unlike ours. For a reproof  
unto our thoughts, contrary to our works,  
a knowledge of the Lord doth he profess  
whose servants happy in their latter end  
210 esteeming, he vaunteth that *his* father is God.

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Come let us see if true his words, and prove  
with outrage and with torture his gentleness.  
That we may learn his patience under wrong,  
let us condemn him to a death of shame,

- 215 for surely God will save his Son alive.’  
Blinded with wickedness so reasoned they,  
ignorant of the mysteries of God,  
how that the soul of the Righteous, (in His hand  
forever,) torment toucheth not nor grief.  
220 For though in the sight of men he seem to die,  
and his departure be accounted hurt  
and punishment to him, yet having borne  
chastening a season, of immortality  
his hope is full. God making trial of him  
225 findeth him worthy to abide in love.

*The mean-  
ing of  
these  
visions  
set forth*

- But Jesus many days in the wilderness  
pondered these visions. How it needs must be,  
(though in the way of righteousness is life,)  
the Christ should suffer sorer things than Job;  
230 be lifted up, for sight of sinful men  
in guise of sin, to heal them; be the Lamb  
slain, without spot or blemish, in their stead,  
whom the Father of the righteous will provide.

*Jesus  
pondereth  
anew the  
divine  
word of  
assurance,*

- Spake not from heaven the Voice: Thou art my Son?  
235 this day have I begotten thee, though of old  
I loved thee with an everlasting love.  
Ask of me, and I, for thine inheritance,  
the uttermost parts will give thee of the earth;  
from sea to sea shall thy dominion stretch,

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*and the* 240 to help the poor and needy, to redeem  
*Voice* from violence their soul, to break the power  
*addresseth* of their oppressor. As rain shalt Thou come down  
*Him in* on the mown grass, that the righteous may spring up  
*vision* and flourish. For to judge the earth, O Lord,  
245 Thou comest, and strong nations afar off  
wilt Thou rebuke; that they shall beat their swords  
to ploughshares, and to pruning-hooks their spears;  
that every man under his vine may sit,  
under his fig tree, unafraid. For, peace,  
250 so long as the moon endureth and the sun,  
shalt Thou establish, O my Prince of Peace!

*The Voice* Thy throne forever and ever is, O God  
*admitteth* before the depth brought forth, before the hills,  
*his origi-* when I the heaven prepared, fashioned the clouds,  
*nal glory* 255 strengthened the fountains of the deep, set fast  
the foundations of the earth, wast Thou with Me,  
which art from everlasting, my delight.  
Life hath, whoso hath Thee!

*The Voice* Behold the day  
*asserteth* wherein of David's stock, of Jesse's root  
*his King-* 260 I swear unto my people to raise me up  
*ship, as* a Branch, his name: the Lord, their Righteousness;  
*well as his* that they to whom early and late in vain  
*prophetic* I sent my prophets forth, may know at last  
*priestly* Me, in the fulness of thy grace and truth."  
*offices*

*The* 265 Then hearing in his soul the Invisible  
*answer* speak awful words, and marvellous, of love—

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*of Jesus  
to the  
Voice  
heard in  
vision* 270 Jesus began to be very sorrowful,  
and exceeding heavy even unto death :  
“Lo, I come to do thy will. But, glorify  
Father, thy Name.”

Thus saith the Lord thy God :—

Nevertheless thou art, O Israë!,  
My Servant, the Branch of David ; and in Thee  
will I be glorified, nor will I give  
my glory to another. From the womb

275 I formed thee, and made mention of thy name  
to bring Jacob again to Me. Lo, I will hold  
thine hand, and keep thee—clothe thee with a robe  
of righteousness, and as a bridegroom deck,  
with ornaments of beauty, Thee—my Son !

*The Voice* 280 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout !  
*addresseth* Behold thy King which cometh unto thee  
*Zion, pres-* just, bringing salvation, lowly upon an ass  
*ent to Jesus* riding, upon a colt the foal of an ass.  
*in vision*

*and com-* Behold, he shall deal prudently, my Servant,  
*mendeth* 285 and be exalted very high, and praised.  
*her King* For He that stretcheth forth above the heaven,  
*unto her* that spreadeth abroad the earth, hath glorified  
*praise* today Himself in Israël.

*and* Behold  
*speaketh of* my servant, mine Elect, in whom my soul  
*his kind-* delighteth, shall not strive nor cry aloud ;  
*ness and* 290 a bruised reed shall he break not, smoking flax  
*mercy*

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not quench, nor be discouraged till He set  
judgment on earth.

*The Voice  
suddenly  
announceth  
calamity*

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Awake, awake, O sword  
against my Shepherd, yea against the MAN  
that is my Fellow. Smite Him, and the sheep  
shall scatter, and I upon the little ones  
will turn my hand!

*The rejection  
of the  
divinely  
sent  
prophet  
priest  
and King*

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Lo, now He is despised,  
rejected of men. A man of sorrows, with grief  
acquainted, he hath no form nor comeliness,  
no beauty that they should desire in Him.  
So marred his visage, more than the sons of men,—  
they are astonished. Anointed with the oil  
of gladness above his fellows, He is become  
a stranger unto his brethren. Mark ye well  
if there be any sorrow in the world  
like unto the sorrow which is done to Him!

*His  
affliction  
and the  
contempt  
of his  
enemies  
foreshown*

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He was oppressed, afflicted. As a sheep,  
before his shearers led, is dumb—his mouth  
he opened not. Meekly his back he gave  
unto the smiter, nor from spitting and shame  
his face hid, though with a rod upon the cheek  
they smote the Judge of Israel.

*His suffer-  
ings mis-  
taken for*

And ye?  
Ye esteemed Him stricken, afflicted, smitten of God!  
Yet, surely, He hath borne your griefs alone,  
your sorrows carried; for your iniquities



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*marks of* 315 bruised, wounded,—the chastisement of your peace  
*divine dis-* was laid on Him, and ye are with his stripes  
*pleasure* healed.

*The* Taken from prison and judgment, as a lamb  
*Messiah's* brought to the slaughter,—what are in his hands  
*passion is* these wounds? Even they wherewith in a friend's  
*recounted* house

320 He wounded was? And faithful are the wounds  
of friends? For He is cut off out of the land  
of the living. Darkness, neither day nor night,  
hideth the earth.

*his* With the violent in his death,  
*distressful* with the wicked he made his grave, because he did  
*end* 325 no violence ever, neither was guile in him,  
nor in his mouth deceit. Stricken alone  
for the transgression of his people, shame  
covered his face, and for my sake on Him  
fell the reproaches of all them which dared  
330 reproach Me blasphemously, the Lord their God."

*Jesus hear-* Now Jesus hearing all, in spirit groaned.  
*ing the* "Lo I am come to do thy will," he cried,  
*Voice doth* "Thine and not mine be done, yet God, my God  
*in vision* wherefore hast thou forsaken me? And why  
*perceive* 335 art thou so far from the call of my distress?  
*and real-* Many are they which hate me without cause.  
*ize the* They pierce my hands, my feet. Among themselves  
*Messiah's* they part my garments, and they cast their lots  
*agony* upon my vesture. Staring, and looking on,  
340 they stand. I am full of heaviness. Reproach

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*and  
addresseth  
his prayer  
unto God*

hath broken my heart. I looked for some at least  
to have pity on me, but there was none at all  
to comfort me. They gave me in my thirst  
vinegar to drink and gall. Be thou, my God  
345 not far from me. My heart melteth like wax.  
I am poured forth like water. Out of joint  
are all my bones, and dried up is my strength.  
My tongue cleaveth to my jaws. I am weary, O Lord,  
of crying. Mine eyes fail. I am a worm—  
350 a reproach of men, an outcast of the people.  
All they that see, laugh me to very scorn,  
shoot out the lip, and shake the head: "In God  
he trusted,—Let then God deliver him,  
If He will have him!"

*In vision 355  
Jesus  
crieth  
from  
Hades unto  
the Lord  
for deliv-  
erance 360*

"Out of the deep, O Lord  
I cry, wherein thou hast cast me. I am gone down  
to the bottom of the mountains, in the midst  
of the deep seas. Hide not thy face from me  
thy servant. In thy loving kindness look,  
O God, upon me. All thy billows and waves  
passed over me, the floods compass my soul,  
I am sinking in the mire of the depth; the weeds  
are wrapped about my head; her bars the earth  
closeth upon me. In the belly of Hell  
three days and nights I cry: 'wilt thou not bring  
365 my life up from corruption, O Lord, my God?'"

*The prayer  
reacheth  
the ear of  
the Lord*

The prayer of the humble pierceth through the clouds,  
till it come nigh who sitteth in the heaven.  
The heart knoweth its own bitterness, nor can  
be comforted ere the Most High have spoken.

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*In vision the Voice answereth, speaking of the Messiah's resurrection, ascension, and final judgment of mankind*

370 "Thy flesh shall rest in hope. I will not leave  
in hell thy soul, nor suffer mine holy One  
to see corruption. I will ransom thee  
from the power of the grave. In victory,  
I will swallow up death. Nor shall on earth  
375 hell royal dominion exercise. To heaven  
who hath ascended in my holy place  
to stand? He of clean hands, and of pure heart.  
Fullness of joy is in my presence, yea,  
pleasure at my right hand forever more.

380 Sit Thou therefore, exalted, till I make  
thine enemies thy footstool. Thou shalt see,  
satisfied, of the travail of thy soul ;  
because thou hast poured out thy life to death,  
numbered with the transgressors, bearing the sin  
385 of many, and madest intercession. Behold  
thy feet shall stand before Jerusalem  
upon the Mount of Olives, which shall cleave  
in the midst to East, to West, to North, to South,  
and there shall yawn a valley horrible.

390 I will uphold thee, mine Elect, in whom  
my soul delighteth, that Thou shalt bring forth  
judgment to all the nations.

*The Voice proceedeth to tell of the judgment and*

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Multitudes,  
in the valley of decision! Multitudes!  
For lo, the day of the Lord hath come, and ripe  
the harvest whitens. Put the sickle in,  
and get you down, for full is the wine press  
and the vats overflow with iniquity.  
In the heaven will I show wonders, on the earth

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*the final  
acceptance  
of repent-  
ant  
Israel*

400 blood, fire, pillars of smoke. The sun is turned  
to darkness, and the moon to blood for Thee ;  
and, upon David's house will I pour out,  
and all inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
thy spirit of supplication and of grace,—  
when they shall look on Thee whom they have pierced,  
405 mourning for Thee in the bitterness of them  
who weep their first born son. But I will take  
the rebuke away of my people, and will wipe  
all tears from off their face. The ploughman shall  
the reaper overtake, the treader of grapes  
410 the sower, and the mountains drop sweet wine,  
the hills melt, flowing with milk and honey, and springs  
of water, and rivers in the wilderness.  
There will I plant the cedar, the shittah-tree,  
the myrtle, the olive, the fir, the pine, the box ;  
415 of Carmel and of Sharon shall it take  
the excellency, and the glory of Lebanon.  
For the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the earth  
as the deep water covereth the sea !”

*Jesus ac-  
cepteth the  
full import  
of the  
vision and  
realizeth  
his divine  
mediator-  
ship*

420 Then Jesus rejoiced in spirit : “O Lord, my God  
with thy right hand and with thy holy arm  
Thou hast gotten thyself the victory, and made known  
thy great Salvation. Thou hast called me Son—  
thy well-beloved ! Lo, Father, I am come  
to do thy will, and go forth to the world  
that I may glorify thy Name on earth.”  
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*Thus were  
the forty  
days draw-  
ing to a  
close*

Thus Jesus forty days and forty nights,  
as Moses with the Lord, ate not nor drank ;  
and,—as Elijah unto the Mount of God,  
Horeb,—so in the strength of the spirit he went.

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*And Satan* 430 When they were ended he hungered afterward.  
*tempted*  
*Jesus* And Satan came and tempted him: "If Thou  
be verily the Son of God, command  
these stones to be made bread." "Then answered He:  
"It is written thou shalt not live by bread alone,  
435 but by every word of God." And Satan straight  
took him unto the holy city, and high  
set him upon a temple pinnacle.

*Satan*  
*whispereth*  
*inspired* 440 "I have called Thee by thy name, and Thou art mine.  
*words* When Thou through the waters passest, I will be  
beside thee, lest the floods should overflow.  
And when Thou walkest through the fire, no flame  
shall kindle, for I am the Lord, thy God."

*and*  
*tempteth*  
*Jesus the* 445 So Satan said: "If Thou be verily  
*second*  
*time* the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence,  
for it is written "Because thou hast set thy love  
upon me, and hast known my name, I will  
deliver thee. Nay, I will set thee high  
and give mine angels charge concerning thee,  
to keep thee, and in their hands to bear thee up,  
450 lest thou thy foot dash haply against a stone!"  
But Jesus said: "Again it is written: Thou shalt  
not tempt the Lord thy God."

*Satan ad-*  
*dresseth*  
*himself to*  
*the third*  
*and last* 455 And Satan then,  
*temptation* taketh Him unto a mountain exceeding high  
and sheweth him the kingdoms of the world,  
and all their glory in a moment of time.

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*and  
whispereth  
inspired  
words set-  
ting forth  
a lower  
ideal of  
the  
Messiah  
than that  
of the  
Voice in  
his vision*

“With a rod of iron shalt thou break them all,  
dash them in pieces like a potter’s sherd.  
Be wise therefore ye kings and kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry and ye perish all.  
460 For, the day of vengeance in my heart, the year  
of my redeemed is come. And I that speak  
in righteousness, mighty to save, in anger  
will trample all the people to the earth.  
465 Drunk, yea, for fury, I will sprinkle and stain  
my raiment with their blood the while I tread  
the wine press of my wrath.”

*and  
tempteth  
Jesus in  
vain the  
third time*

So Satan said:  
“Behold, all this power will I give to thee,  
and the glory of all kingdoms, for hath it not  
been unto me delivered that to whom  
470 I will I give it? If thou, therefore, wilt  
fall down and worship me, it all is thine.”  
But Jesus answered: “Satan, get thee hence,  
get thee behind me, for it is written: thou shalt  
worship the Lord thy God, and serve but Him  
475 alone!”

*The angels  
minister  
unto the  
Son of man*

Then the devil for a season leaveth Him,  
having ended the temptation; and, straightway,  
the angels came and ministered unto Him.

TRANSCRIPT III

**The Transfiguration**





*Jesus, after  
the tempta-  
tion, go-  
eth to  
Nazareth*

- 1 When it was noised abroad how Herod, (of John reprov- ed, for that he took Herodiäs his brother Philip's wife,) added yet this, above the many evils he had done,  
5 that John he cast into prison,—Jesus returned in the power of the spirit to Galilee, and a fame went out of him through the whole region round, glorified everywhere of them he taught. So unto Nazareth also Jesus came  
10 where Mary dwelt, his mother, and himself had been brought up.

*and read-  
eth on the  
Sabbath  
Day from  
the  
Prophet  
Isaiah*

- Now on the Sabbath day  
He stood up for to read in the synagogue according to his wont; and, in his hands the minister delivering the book  
15 of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord God is come upon me, anointing me to preach the good news to the poor. He hath sent me forth to heal the brokenhearted, and to preach  
20 deliverance to the captive, to the blind recovering of sight; at liberty them that are bruised to set, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

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*He  
answereth  
their  
questions  
as to his  
prophetic  
office*

So having read  
and closed the book and to the minister  
25 given it again, Jesus sat down, and spake,  
when the eyes of all were fastened on Him: "This day  
hath in your ears this scripture been fulfilled."  
And they bare him witness, at the gracious words  
wondering which proceeded out of his mouth:  
30 "Is not this Joseph's son?" But Jesus said:  
"Not verily without honor a prophet is  
except in' his own country; and of a truth  
I tell you when three years the heaven was shut  
and famine throughout all the land prevailed,  
35 many were widows in Israel, yet to none  
was the prophet Elijah sent, but unto her  
of Sidon; and many also in Israël  
were lepers, but none of them Elisha cleansed  
saving only Naäman the Syriän."

*Jesus  
leaveth  
Nazareth  
and  
dwelleth at  
Caper-  
naüm*

40 Now they which in the synagogue had heard  
these sayings, filled with vehement wrath, rose up  
and thrust him out; and to the brow of the hill  
whereon was built their city led him forth  
that they from thence might cast him headlong down.  
45 But Jesus passing through the midst of them  
went on his way, and to a city came  
on the sea coast, Capernaum, and there dwelt;  
That the word might be fulfilled which the Lord spake  
by the prophet: "On the border of Zabulon  
50 and Nephtalim, a people, which had long  
in darkness sat and in the shadow of death,  
saw a great Light."

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*He  
preacheth  
by the  
shore of  
the Sea of  
Tiberias*

Wherefore it came to pass,  
when hard the people pressed him for to hear  
the word of God, that by the lake two ships  
55 were standing, and the fishermen washed their nets.  
So Jesus entered into Simon's ship,  
and prayed him that he thrust out from the shore  
a little way, and sat him down, and taught  
the people: "Full is the time, and nigh at hand  
60 the kingdom of heaven. Repent then, and believe!"  
and many things besides in parables  
He spake out of the ship.

*and calleth  
four fish-  
ermen to  
be his  
disciples  
and follow  
him*

But afterward  
as he had finished teaching, Jesus said  
to Simon: "Launch out now into the deep  
65 and let down for a draught thy nets." So he,  
answering saith to Jesus: "All night long  
we have toiled and nothing taken, nevertheless  
at thy word, Master, will I cast the net."  
When Simon, and Andrew his brother, had this done,  
70 their net so great a multitude enclosed  
of fishes that it brake. And Andrew beckoned  
unto their partners in the other ship.  
Which straightway came to help them, and behold,  
with the draught of fishes, James and John, the sons  
75 of Zebedee, and Simon and Andrew filled  
both ships, that they began to sink. Then Simon,  
astonished fell at Jesus' knees and cried:  
"Depart from me, I am a sinful man  
O Lord." But answering Jesus saith: "Fear not,  
80 Simon, for men, from henceforth, shalt thou catch."

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And unto them that were with Simon he saith likewise: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Wherefore, when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all straightway  
85 and followed him into Capernäum.

*In the  
synagogue  
Jesus  
casteth out  
a devil*

Again in the Synagogue on the Sabbath day all marvelled at his doctrine; for he taught as one having authority, not as th' scribes. And in the synagogue, crying, a man arose,  
90 which had an unclean spirit: "Let us alone, Jesus of Nazareth! What have *we* to do with Thee? To destroy us, art thou come? I know who *Thou* art—yea, the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked the devil: "Hold thy peace,  
95 and come out of the man!" Then in their midst the devil threw him, tare him, and with loud voice crying, came out of him, yet hurt him not. And greatly were all amazed, among themselves questioning: "What strange thing is this? What new  
100 doctrine? For lo, with power commandeth He the unclean spirits, and Him they do obey!"

*and  
healeth  
many sick  
of divers  
diseases*

Immediately his fame was spread abroad through all the region about Galilee. And when the even was come, and the sun set,  
105 the city gathered together at the door: they that had any sick brought them to Him and Jesus laid his hands on everyone, making them whole; and cast the spirits out, which at his word came forth and cried: "Thou art

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- 110 the Christ, the Son of God" whom he rebuked,  
charging them straitly not to make Him known.  
Then was fulfilled that which the prophet spake :  
"Himself took our infirmities, and bare  
our sicknesses." Yea, the whole multitude  
115 sought for to touch him, and out of Him there went  
virtue, healing them all, that with one voice  
they glorified God which gave such power to men.

*Jesus  
leaveth  
Caperna-  
um to  
preach in  
other cities  
and his  
disciples  
follow  
him*

- Now Jesus, in the morning a great while  
before the day, rose up and went alone  
120 to a desert place to pray. Where Simon came,  
Andrew and James and John, and finding him  
said: "Lord, behold all men seek after thee."  
But Jesus saith: "Unto the nighest towns  
hence let us go, that there also I may preach."  
125 But the people, following, stayed him, and besought  
that he should not depart from them. Howbeit  
He answered them and said: "Must I not preach  
likewise in other cities the kingdom of heaven?  
For therefore am I sent." So Jesus preached  
130 throughout all Galilee.

*Having  
called  
Levi, Jesus  
forgiveth  
sins and  
answereth  
them which  
murmured  
thereat*

- After some days  
He entered into a ship, crossed over and came  
into Capernäum again; and lo,  
the multitude resorted unto him.  
And as he passed he saw a publican  
135 at the receipt of custom sitting and said:  
"Follow thou Me!" And forthwith Levi arose  
and after Jesus went. Now Pharisees, scribes,

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and doctors of the law out of every town  
in Galilee, yea, out of Jerusalem  
140 and all Judæa, were come to hear the word  
that in the house there was not room for them,  
no, nor about the door; and Jesus preached.  
But four men sought to bring one in a bed,  
sick of the palsy; which for the great press  
145 unable to come nigh, on th' housetop went,  
and, uncovering the roof, into their midst  
let down the bed, wherein the sick man lay,  
at Jesus' feet; who seeing their faith, said: "Son  
be of good cheer. Forgiven thee be thy sins!"  
150 And the scribes and Pharisees within themselves  
reasoned: "Who is this, which speaketh blasphemies?  
Who but God only hath power to forgive sins?"  
Immediately in his spirit when he perceived  
their thought, he said: "Why think ye in your hearts  
155 evil? For whether is easier of the twain  
to say unto the sick of the palsy, "Son,  
forgiven thee be thy sins!" or, "Arise and walk!"  
But that ye may know verily how on earth  
the Son of Man hath power to forgive  
160 sins"—Jesus unto the sick of the palsy saith:  
"I say unto thee arise! Take up thy bed  
and go thy way!" And lo, before them all  
he stood, and took the bed whereon he lay,  
and went forth, praising aloud and blessing God,  
165 to his own house. Which when the multitude  
had seen, they were astonished; and, filled with fear,  
gave God the glory.

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*Levi  
maketh a  
feast and  
inviteth  
Jesus*

Now Levi made a feast,  
and many publicans and sinners came,  
and sat them down to meat with Jesus. So,  
170 seeing what there was done, the Pharisees  
against the disciples murmured, saying: "Why  
with publicans and sinners do ye eat?"  
But Jesus answering said: "They that be whole  
of the physician verily have no need.  
175 Not so the sick. Go ye therefore and learn,  
what meaneth the Scripture: 'Mercy will I have,  
not sacrifice.' Behold I am come to call  
not the righteous, but the sinner to repentance."

*Great  
multitudes  
come unto  
Jesus to be  
healed and  
he preach-  
eth the  
Word unto  
them*

Thereafter, Jesus into the wilderness  
180 withdrew, for He could enter now no more  
the city openly. Nevertheless multitudes  
together came, that of their infirmities  
they might be all made whole; and they followed him  
to hear his word. And Jesus, when he saw  
195 how that they fainted, and were scattered abroad  
as sheep without a shepherd, looked on them  
and had compassion, and healed them everyone,  
and spake to the people in parables: "What man of you,  
having an hundred sheep, if one be gone  
190 astray, leaveth not there the ninety and nine,  
and after that which he hath lost goeth forth  
into the mountains? Yea and verily,  
if so be that he find the sheep, with joy  
on his shoulder he layeth it, and returneth home,  
195 and calleth together his neighbors and his friends

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saying: "Come make merry with me, for I have found my sheep which went astray!" And even so it is not the will of your Father, that one of these His little ones should perish. In heaven likewise

200 I say unto you there shall indeed be joy,  
in the presence of the holy angels, more  
over one sinner, that repenteth him,  
than over all the ninety and nine just men  
which need not to repent.

*Speaking  
of the  
sheep and  
the good  
shepherd  
unto  
which he  
likeneth  
them and  
himself*

205 "Behold, the good Shepherd—he giveth for the sheep his life! but he that is an hireling, and whose own the sheep are not, he careth not for them, fleeth if the wolf come, and forsaketh them, and they are caught and scattered. Little flock fear ye not—I am the *good* shepherd. I feed in pastures green my sheep, by waters still; the tired lambs in my bosom with mine arm I gather and I carry; and gently them, that are with young, I lead. My sheep I know  
215 and they all follow when they hear my voice. I give them, lest they perish, eternal life; and no man hath the power out of mine hand to pluck them. For my Father who gave them me is mightier than all."

*The  
Parable of  
the Good  
Samaritan  
is told*

220 Again he told the people a parable:  
"A man which went  
down from Jerusalem to Jericho



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fell among thieves that stripped and wounded him,  
and left him well nigh dead. Now a priest by chance  
came down that way, which from the other side  
225 saw and passed by. Likewise a Levite came,  
and, after he had looked on him, passed by  
on the other side. But a Samaritan,  
which also journeying came, when he had seen,  
felt in his heart compassion; and pouring wine  
230 and oil in the wounds, he bound them up, and set  
on his own beast the man, and to the inn  
brought him and cared for him; and gave two pence,  
departing on the morrow, to the host  
saying: "Whatsoever thou spendest for him more,  
235 I will repay thee when I come again!"

*The  
Parable of  
the Prodigal Son*

And yet another parable Jesus taught.  
Two sons had a certain man. The younger said:  
"Give me the portion, Father, of thy goods  
that falleth unto me." So the father dealt  
240 his possessions out to them. Not many days  
thereafter, all together the younger son  
gathered, and into a far country took  
his journey, where his substance wasted was  
in riotous living. When he had spent all,  
245 a mighty famine in that land arose,  
and he began to want, and joined himself  
to a citizen of the country, who in his fields  
sent him to feed the swine. And he was fain  
to eat the husks the swine ate, but no man  
250 gave unto him. So, when he came to himself,  
he said: "How many hirelings have bread

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in my father's house, enough and to spare, and I  
with hunger perish? I will arise and go  
and say to my father: "Against heaven I have sinned  
255 before thee, and I am not worthy to be called  
thy son. Make me as one of thy hired men."  
Then he arose and came to his father, who saw  
his son yet a great way off and had on him  
compassion, and ran, and fell upon his neck  
260 and kissed him. But the son said: "I have sinned  
against heaven, Father, and in thy sight. No more  
am I worthy to be called thy Son." Then he  
spake to his servants: "Bring forth the best robe  
to clothe him therewithal, and on his hand  
265 put ye a ring, and shoes upon his feet,  
and kill the fatted calf, and let us make  
merry together; for this my son was dead  
and is alive again; was lost, and lo!  
he is found."

*The  
Parable of 270  
the elder  
brother of  
the Prodigal Son*

But the elder son was in the field,  
who heard, as nigh he drew unto the house,  
music and dancing; and one of the servants called,  
asking of him what this might mean; who said:  
"Thy brother hath come, and the fatted calf is killed  
because thy father hath received him sound."  
275 Then came his father out entreating him  
to enter; but he was angry and would not,  
saying: "I have served thee lo! these many years,  
neither at any time did I transgress  
thy commandment; yet thou never gavest me,  
280 that with my friends I might make merry, a kid;

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but now as soon as this thy son has come  
which hath thy goods devoured with harlots, thou—  
killest for him the fatted calf!" Then said  
the father: "Son, thou art ever with me. Thine  
285 is all I have. Was it not meet indeed  
we should be glad? For this thy brother was dead,  
and is alive again, was lost, and is found."

*Having  
preached  
acceptably* 290  
*Jesus  
addresseth  
him to  
thwart  
them, and  
repelleth  
froward  
disciples*

When even was come, and Jesus made an end  
of speaking, he sent the multitude away.  
Then spake a certain scribe: "Lord, I will go  
whithersoever thou goest." Jesus saith  
"Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air nests,  
but the Son of man hath not—where he might lay  
his head!" Another saith, "Suffer me first,  
295 Master, to go and bury my father."—"Call  
no man on earth Father, but God alone,"  
Jesus made answer, "Yea, follow me, and let the dead  
bury their dead." Then into a ship he went  
with his disciples, and commandment gave  
300 to launch forth and pass over. So they sailed,  
and other little ships were with them.

*The Storm  
is stilled  
by the  
word of  
Jesus*

Now,  
a storm of wind came down upon the sea,  
and into the ship the waves beat that it soon  
was full; but Jesus in the hinder part  
lay on a pillow asleep. Then, sore afraid,  
305 the disciples woke him crying, "Save us, Lord!  
Carest thou not that we perish?" And He arose  
and said to them: "O ye of little faith,  
why are ye fearful?" and saying: "Peace, be still!"

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310 the winds and raging waters he rebuked ;  
and suddenly there was upon the sea  
a great calm, so that all men feared and quaked,  
asking of one another : "What manner of man  
is this, that He commandeth even the wind  
315 and raging waters, and they do obey?"

*Jesus  
preacheth  
and feed-  
eth the  
multitude  
with five  
barley  
loaves and  
two small  
fishes*

Nevertheless much people having seen  
Jesus depart, whither he came awhile  
in the wilderness to rest, outwent him a-foot  
and ran together. When lifting up his eyes,  
320 He saw a very great company come forth  
to hear Him ; and with compassion toward them moved,  
He taught them of the kingdom many things.  
Now the many coming and going, that they had  
no leisure, nay, not so much as to eat,  
325 and the day far spent already,—the twelve came  
and said to Jesus : "Send them, Lord, away,  
that in their villages they may buy them bread ;  
for they have nothing with them, and this place  
is desert." Jesus, knowing what he would do,  
330 said : "Why need they depart? Give ye them bread  
to eat." And Andrew answered : "We have here  
five barley loaves and two small fishes ; but what  
were even three hundred pennyworth of bread  
amongst five thousand, that each should have a little?"  
335 But He : "Bring all ye have to me, and command  
the men that they sit down by companies  
of fifty," for there was in the place much grass.  
Then Jesus took the loaves and fishes, and blessed,  
looking to heaven, and brake, distributing

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340 to the twelve, and they to them that were set down.  
So all did eat and they were satisfied.  
And Jesus bade the twelve: "Gather ye up  
the fragments that remain." They filled therefore  
twelve baskets with the fragments which were left  
345 over and above to them that ate thereof.

*Wherefore  
the people  
would  
have made  
Jesus King*

Now those men, seeing the miracle Jesus did,  
said: "Of a truth that prophet which should come  
into the world, is He!" and minded were they  
with one accord to seize and make him King;  
350 wherefore Jesus withdrew and hid himself  
in a high mountain.

*He repell-  
eth the  
multitude  
by strange  
speech of  
the  
heavenly  
bread*

The day following,  
when thick the people came again, he spake:  
"Seek ye me now to hear the words of life,  
or for that ye ate of the loaves? Labor no more  
355 for meat which perisheth. The bread of God  
is He which cometh down to you from heaven  
and giveth life, that whoso eat thereof  
hungereth not nor dieth. Lo, I am come  
from heaven, that as the Father hath sent me forth,  
360 and I *live* by Him, whosoever eateth Me  
by me shall live."

*Jesus in  
answer to  
the prayer  
for a sign  
uttereth  
beatitudes*

Then certain of the scribes  
and Pharisees answered: "Master, we would see  
a sign." And deeply in his spirit sighed  
Jesus, and spake: "Why seeketh after a sign  
365 an evil generation, adulterous?"

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*and woes  
and pre-  
dicteth  
his own  
rejection*

Verily, verily, there shall none be given  
save that of the prophet Jonah. The Son of Man  
shall be in the heart of the earth three days and nights.  
In judgment of this generation the men  
370 of Nineveh shall arise, condemning it;  
for they at the preaching of Jonah did repent,  
and, behold, to you a greater than he is come!  
And he that is not with me, of a truth  
is against Me, and he that gathereth not with me,  
375 scattereth abroad. Lo! blessèd are the poor  
for the kingdom of God is theirs. But woe to you,  
ye rich! Blessed are they that hunger now,  
for they shall be satisfied. But woe to you,  
ye that are full! Blessèd are they that weep,  
380 for, lo, they shall be comforted. But woe  
unto you that laugh! Blessed are they, if men  
shall hate and revile them for the Son of Man;  
behold, in heaven how great is their reward.  
In that day shall they leap for joy. But woe  
385 to you of whom all men aloud speak praise;  
for so indeed their fathers did of old  
unto false prophets. Verily, verily,  
the Son of Man must suffer many things,  
rejected of the elders, and put to death,  
390 and be on the third day raised up again!"

*Jesus  
rebuketh  
Simon  
Peter and*

Now, when that saying openly he spake,  
Simon took Jesus aside, rebuking him:  
"Be it far from thee, never shall this be done,  
Master, to thee!" But Jesus turned about  
395 and looked on his disciples, and rebuked

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*winnoweth  
his  
disciples  
with the  
word of  
God as  
John  
Baptist  
foretold*

Simon: "Get thee behind me, Satan. The things that be of God thou savorest not, but those that be of men." And, when he had called to him the people, he cried in all their ears aloud:  
400 "If any man will come after me, let him—deny himself, and take up daily his cross, and follow Me! Think not that I am come to send upon the earth peace—but a sword! And they of his own household shall henceforth  
405 be a man's foes: for he that father or son mother or daughter loveth more than Me is not worthy of Me! He that would save his life shall lose it; and he which loseth it for my sake shall verily find it. How profiteth it a man  
410 if he shall gain the whole world, yet shall lose his own soul? But the Son of Man shall come to reward all, according to their works. And whosoever in this adulterous and sinful generation shall be ashamed  
415 of me and of my words, the Son of Man shall verily, himself be ashamed of him, when in the Father's glory and his own with the holy angels on the clouds of heaven, He cometh to judge the world."

*The  
confession  
of Simon  
Peter and  
the other  
eleven  
that*

Now from this time  
420 hearing the words, many went back, and walked no more with Jesus. So that to the twelve He said: "Will ye go also away?" But Simon spake: "To whom Lord, shall we go? Thou hast the words of life eternal, and we do believe

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*Jesus is very Christ and Lord* 425 that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”  
Then Jesus answering saith: “Blessed art thou  
Simon, thou son of Jonah,” (That is to say  
being interpreted out of their tongue  
‘A Dove;’—in bodily shape whereof, the Spirit  
430 from the open heaven descended, and abode  
on Jesus at his baptism.) “Blessed art thou  
Simon, thou son of Jonah, for flesh and blood  
hath not revealed this unto thee, but One  
which is in heaven,—my Father. Lo, thou art  
435 *Peter*, a stone,—for on *this* rock I build  
my church nor shall the gates of hell prevail  
against it ever. And I will give the keys  
of the kingdom of heaven to thee, that what thou bind  
or loose on earth it shall be bound or loosed  
440 in heaven.”

But Jesus straitly charged the twelve  
that they should tell no man he was the Christ.

*Jesus is transfigured before chosen witnesses* 445 Six days thereafter into a mountain high  
He took Peter and James and John apart;  
and, as he prayed, transfigured before them—lo—  
the fashion of his countenance was changed,  
his raiment became glistèring like snow,  
as no fuller on earth could white it, and his face  
did shine as doth the sun. Heavy with sleep  
when Peter and James and John awoke, they saw  
450 his glory.

*Moses appeareth unto them* And two men also in glory appeared,  
of whom the one was Moses, as he came



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down from Mount Sinai, and bare in both his hands  
the two stone tables of testimony, nor wist  
wherefore the elders of Israel were afraid  
455 when he would speak with them, and drew not nigh,  
nor durst behold his countenance steadfastly  
until over his face he put a veil,  
the which he took not off except he went  
before the Lord to speak with Him alone.

*The other* 460 But the other, whom Peter and James and John beheld,  
*man with*  
*Moses and* was Elijah the Tishbite, hairy, about his loins  
*the Lord* girt with the leathern girdle,—he which mocked  
*is Elijah* in Carmel (when the drought had dried the streams)  
*the* the prophets of Baal before all Israël,  
*prophet* 465 and called from heaven the fire down to consume  
upon his altar the burnt sacrifice,  
and prove the Lord is God; which slew the men,  
four hundred and fifty prophets, by the brook  
Kishon, with his own hand; and the heaven was black  
with clouds and wind, and abundance of rain fell.

*Simon* 470 Now Moses and Elijah, in the sight  
*Peter* of Peter, James, and John, with Jesus spake  
*addresseth* of his decease which at Jerusalem  
*the Master* He shortly should accomplish. Peter then  
*and* saith unto Jesus (and wist not what he said)  
*heareth* 475 “Lord, it is good for us to tarry here.  
*the Voice* If thou wilt, let us make three tabernacles—  
*out of the* for Thee one, and for Moses one, and one  
*cloud* for Elijah.” Behold, while yet he spake  
there overshadowed them a radiant cloud;

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480 and Peter and James and John were filled with fear  
when they had entered into the bright cloud ;  
but out of it there came a Voice which said :  
"This is my well-belovéd son, hear Him !"  
that, sore afraid, they fell upon their face.  
485 Howbeit, Jesus, when the Voice had passed,  
came to them, and touched them, saying : "Be not  
afraid !"  
Then lifted they up their eyes, and they beheld  
no man with them but Jesus, and arose,  
and kept the vision close, nor to any man  
490 told aught thereof till He was glorified !

TRANSCRIPT IV

*The Messianic Entrance*



*A council  
is assembled to plot  
the destruction  
of Jesus  
who withdraweth  
with his  
chosen followers  
into a  
desert  
place*

- 1 Then gathered the chief priests and Pharisees a council, and said: "What do we? For, this man worketh—we can not deny it—notable miracles; so, that if we let him alone,  
5 all will believe on him, and the Romans come to take from us nation and place away."  
But Nicodemus, (the same which went by night to Jesus), spake: "Our law judgeth no man before it hear him, and what he doeth, know."  
10 They unto Nicodemus answering said: "Art thou from Galilee also? Search and look, for there ariseth out of Galilee no prophet." Straightway Caiaphas arose and prophesied (being high-priest that year—  
15 not of himself.) "Nothing at all ye know, nor have considered, how expediënt it were for us one man should die, in stead of the whole people's perishing." Wherefore from that day forth they sent out spies to watch  
20 Jesus, and, feigning themselves just men, take hold of words out of his mouth; that they might find cause to accuse him before the governor, and put him to death. But Jesus with the twelve went into a country near the wilderness  
25 and there abode.

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*Jesus is  
taunted by  
his brethren  
and  
replieth*

Now when the time drew nigh  
to go unto Jerusalem for the feast,  
his brethren, which believed not on Him, said:  
“Go thou into Judæa, that the works  
thou doest may be manifest, for, what man  
30 seeking to make himself known openly  
doeth aught in secret?” Jesus saith: “My time  
is not yet fully come. But go ye up  
unto the feast. You the world can not hate—  
though it hateth me, because I testify  
35 that the works thereof are evil.”

*The  
disciples  
go after  
Jesus when  
he setteth  
his face  
toward  
Jerusalem*

Afterward  
He saith to his disciples: “Let us go  
into Judæa again.” But they said: “Lord,  
the Jews of late did seek to stone thee, and thou  
40 goest thither again?”—“Are there not in the day  
twelve hours when he that walketh stumbleth not?”  
Jesus made answer then, “because the light  
he seeth of this world?” And He went up  
unto the feast. And Thomas, (Didymus  
45 surnamed,) to his fellow disciples saith: “Let us  
go also, and die with Him.” And they went all,  
(Jesus before them) afraid and sore amazed.

*but  
understand  
not what  
he saith  
of his  
resurrec-  
tion*

Now, telling them the third time of the end:  
“Behold we go up unto Jerusalem,”  
50 He said “and the Son of Man shall be betrayed,  
condemned to death of the chief priests and scribes,  
delivered to the Gentiles to be mocked  
and scourged and crucified; yet the third day

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He shall be raised again!" Nevertheless,  
55 exceeding sorry, of the disciples none  
this saying understood, and feared to ask.  
(For the Scripture as yet they knew not that the Lord  
should from the dead arise).

And Jesus healed  
by the wayside, and in all the villages,  
60 the blind and lame.

*The little  
children  
are  
brought  
unto Jesus  
and blessed  
of him  
and made  
the occa-  
sion of  
doctrine*

So, as they journeyed on  
it came to pass, that unto him were brought  
the little children, to lay his hands on them,  
and pray. But the disciples, seeing it,  
rebuked the people. Jesus, much displeased,  
65 called them and said: "Suffer the little ones  
to come unto me. Forbid them not. Of such  
is the kingdom of my Father." And in his arms  
He took, and blessed them. But among themselves  
the twelve had reasoned which should greatest be,  
70 and Jesus perceiving in their heart the thought,  
saith unto them: "Except ye verily turn  
and become as little children, even you  
shall enter not my kingdom." Then a child  
He set in midst of them, saying: "For my sake  
75 whosoever this child receiveth, receiveth Me  
and Him that sent me."

*The prayer  
of James  
and John*

And lo, there came to him  
the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons  
worshipping: "Whatsoever we shall desire,  
Master, we ask that thou wouldst do for us."

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*and their  
mother is  
answered  
of the  
Lord*

80 But James and John were they who, (having heard  
that Jesus came to send on the earth fire)  
prayed him, when a village of the Samaritans  
received him not, (because his face was toward  
Jerusalem, and the Samaritans  
85 have with the Jews no dealings) to command  
(as did Elijah when Ahaziah sent  
to inquire of Beelzebub, in Ekron God,)  
that fire come down from heaven consuming it;  
whom he reproved, "What spirit ye are of  
90 ye know not." Now to the mother of James and John  
(whom Sons of thunder, he surnamed,) he said:  
"What wilt thou have me do?" She answered him:  
"That thou wouldst grant these my two sons to sit  
the one on thy right hand, the other on thy left,  
95 when thou art come into thy glory, Lord!"  
Then Jesus said: "Ye know not what ye ask.  
Can ye—drink of the cup whereof I drink,  
and be baptized with the baptism wherewithal  
I am baptized?" And they said, "Lord, we can."  
100 Howbeit Jesus saith: "Ye shall indeed  
drink of my cup, and also be baptized  
with the baptism wherewithal I am baptized;  
but on my right hand or on my left to sit  
is not mine own to give,—seeing unto them  
105 it doth belong for whom it was prepared  
of my Father which is in heaven."

*and the  
other  
disciples  
reproved*

Wherefore the ten  
hearing it, against James and John were moved  
with indignation. Jesus, nevertheless



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- called them and said: "Their princes exercise  
110 lordship over the nations, and their great  
rule with authority. But thus with you  
it may not be. For whosoever is chief  
among you, shall the servant be of all;  
even as the Son of Man came not to use  
115 dominion, but to minister, and give  
his life for many."

*James and  
John are  
sent for  
the she ass  
and her  
colt and 120  
Jesus rid-  
eth in  
triumph*

- When Jesus now was come  
to Bethphage, twain he sendeth—James and John  
saying: "Go ye into the village and ye shall find,  
tied in a place where two ways meet, an ass  
and with her also a colt, whereon no man  
sat ever. Loose and bring them unto me,  
and if the owner ask "why do ye this?"  
say ye, "the Lord hath need of them." So James  
and John found even as he said, and brought  
125 the ass to Jesus, and her foal, and both  
covering with their clothes, the disciples set  
Jesus upon the colt, and with loud voice  
praised God, rejoicing for all his works and words.  
And a great multitude spread in the way  
130 their garments; from the palm trees others cut  
branches to straw before him as he rode  
at the descent of Olivet, and cried  
together: "Blessed be the king of Israēl,  
who cometh in the name of the Lord God,  
135 hosanna to the son of David! Peace,  
and glory in heaven, hosanna in the highest!"  
But Pharisees, among the multitude,

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said: "Thy disciples wilt thou not rebuke,  
Master?" And Jesus saith: "If these their peace  
140 should hold, I tell you of a truth, the stones  
would immediately cry out. Then the Pharisees  
murmured among themselves: "Perceive ye not  
how in nothing ye prevail? For after Him  
the whole world goeth!"

*Jesus  
weepeth  
over the  
city of  
Jerusalem  
foretelling  
her doom*

And it came to pass  
145 as he drew near, that Jesus long beheld  
the city, and cried aloud:—"Jerusalem,  
Jerusalem, thou which stonest the prophets, yea,  
and killest them that unto thee are sent,  
how oft thy children would not I have called,  
150 as under her wings together gathereth  
the hen her brood! But ye would not. If thou,  
Jerusalem, even thou in this thy day,  
hadst known the things belonging to thy peace—  
but they are hid now from thine eyes. Behold,  
155 the day cometh when that thine enemies shall cast  
a trench about thee, and compass thee around,  
and keep thee in on every side, and low  
lay thee, yea, even with the ground, nor leave  
one stone upon another—because the time  
160 of this thy visitation thou knewest not!"  
And Jesus wept.

*He  
cleanseth  
the temple  
asserting  
his  
authority*

Into Jerusalem  
when Jesus came, the whole city was much moved  
saying, "who is this?" "Jesus of Nazareth,"  
the multitude cried out, "Jesus, the prophet

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- 165 of Galilee!" And straightway Jesus went  
unto the temple of God, and made of cords  
a scourge, and the seats of them that sold the doves,  
and the money-changers' tables overthrew,  
and drave with the sheep and oxen all that bought  
170 and sold out of the temple, and taught: "My house  
shall, it is written, be of all nations called  
the house of prayer. But ye have made it now  
a den of thieves!"

*answering  
them that  
resent the  
joy of the  
people in  
his words  
and deeds*

- And lo: the blind and halt  
came in the temple to be healed of him,  
175 and when th' chief priests and scribes the wonderful  
things  
saw which he did, and heard his gracious words,  
and the children of the temple cried aloud:  
"Hosanna to the Son of David, yea,  
hosanna in the Highest," sore displeased,  
180 they said to Jesus: "Master, hearest thou  
what these say?" "But," he answered them: "have ye  
that Scripture never read: 'Out of the mouths  
of babes and sucklings have I perfected  
my praise?'" Then sought the scribes and the chief  
priests  
185 how that they might destroy Him, yet they feared  
the people, which believed, (because he spake  
as never man, and wrought with the power of God,)  
that Jesus was a prophet.

*The  
widow's  
mites*

So, with the twelve  
when even was come he went to Bethany;

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- 190 but early on the morrow sat again  
in the temple, over against the treasury,  
and much people had resort to him, and lo!  
the rich men cast in gifts unto the Lord.  
Now Jesus beheld a widow very poor  
195 which threw into the treasury two mites;  
and calling unto him the twelve, he taught: "Behold,  
this widow, verily, verily I say,  
hath cast in more than all. For they indeed  
of their abundance made an offering  
200 to God, but she of her penury hath given  
all that she had. A parable therefore hear:

*The  
Parable of  
the rich  
man and  
Lazarus*

- 205 "There was a rich man faring every day  
sumptuously, in purple and fine linen clothed;  
and, there was also a beggar, Lazarus,  
laid at his gate, fed on the crumbs which fell  
from the rich man's table; and moreover the dogs,  
which wander up and down the city for meat,  
and grin, and grudge if they be not satisfied,  
did compass him about and licked his sores.  
210 Now the beggar dying, the angels carried him  
into the bosom of Abraham. The rich man  
died also and was buried, and in hell  
lift up his eyes, tormented, and Abraham  
he seeth afar off, and Lazarus  
215 in Abraham's bosom. So the rich man cried:  
"Have mercy, Father Abraham, and send  
Lazarus that in water he may dip  
his finger and cool my tongue, for in this flame  
I am tormented." Howbeit Abraham spake:

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- 220 "My Son, remember that in thy lifetime thou  
receivedst thy good things, and Lazarus  
evil things likewise. Wherefore thou art this day  
in grievous plight, and he is comforted.  
Beside all this, so that they can not pass  
225 from hence to you which would, neither again  
to us from thence, there lieth a great gulf fixed."  
Then he that had been rich saith: "Father, send  
Lazarus I pray thee to my Father's house,  
that unto my brethren he may testify,  
230 lest they should also come into this place  
of torment." Abraham answereth him: "They have  
Moses, yea, and the prophets; let them hear  
*their* word." But he, importunate, cried out:  
"Nay, Father Abraham, for they would repent  
235 if from the dead one went to them."—"My son"  
(Abraham answer made) "if they will hear  
not Moses, nor the prophets, though a man  
rose from the dead, yet could he not persuade  
thy brethren to repent them of their ways."

*For that* 240 Then tempting Jesus, the Pharisees and scribes  
*Jesus hath*  
*extolled*  
*Moses, the*  
*Pharisees*  
*and Scribes*  
*strive to* 245 that such be stoned to death. But what sayest thou?"  
*make him*  
*set his*  
*authority*  
*above that*  
*of Moses,*  
Then, needing not that any should testify  
of man, because he knew what was in man,  
Jesus committed not himself to them,  
stooped down, and wrote with his finger on the ground,

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*in the case* 250 as though he heard them not. But when the scribes  
*of a* and Pharisees continued asking him,  
*woman* He lifted up himself and said:—"Let him  
*taken in* that is among you without sin, first cast  
*adultery* a stone at her." Jesus again stooped down  
255 and wrote upon the ground. Then they which heard,  
and had brought the woman to take him in his words,  
convicted by their conscience one by one,  
beginning at the eldest unto the last,  
went out. And Jesus being left alone  
260 with his disciples, and in the people's midst  
the woman standing, lifted up himself  
saying:—"Woman, where be thine accusers gone?  
Hath no man yet condemned thee?" And she said:  
"Lord,  
no man."—"Neither do I condemn thee, go"  
265 said Jesus unto her, "and sin no more."

*The* Then spake he a parable concerning them  
*Parable of* which trusted in their righteousness, and despised  
*the* others: "Two men went, (one a Pharisee  
*Pharisee* a publican the other) for to pray  
*and the* in the temple of the Lord. And the Pharisee  
*Publican* 270 after this manner prayed: "I thank thee God  
*is related* that I am not as other men—unjust  
extortioners, adulterers, or even  
as yonder Publican. In the week twice  
275 fast I, and tithes I give of all my goods."  
Now the Publican was standing afar off  
nor would so much as lift his eye to heaven  
but smote upon his breast saying, "To me

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a sinner, be merciful, O God." This man  
280 went rather than the other, of a truth,  
justified down to his house ; for every one  
that doth exalt himself shall be abased,  
and whosoever in spirit doth humble himself  
shall be exalted."

*The  
Parable 285  
of the  
vineyard  
let out  
unto hus-  
bandmen*

Again, a parable  
(for the common people heard him gladly) he spake  
in the hearing of the Scribes and Pharisees.  
"A man planted a vineyard and around about  
hedged it, and digged a winefat, and a tower  
builded, and let it unto husbandmen,  
290 and journeyed into a country a great way off,  
and there abode. But at the season he sent  
his servants to receive the fruits thereof.  
Whom, when the husbandmen had seen, they beat  
and stoned. Again their lord sent out  
395 servants, more than the first, which nevertheless  
the husbandmen entreated shamefully ;  
for some they slew, and drave the rest away  
empty. Wherefore the lord of the vineyard said  
unto himself : "What shall I do? My son  
300 will I send to them, my will-belovèd ; for Him  
they will surely reverence." But those husbandmen  
when afar off they saw the Son, conspired  
against him, and reasoned among themselves :  
"This is the heir ! Come let us kill him ; and ours  
305 the inheritance shall be !" Then took they him  
and slew him, and cast him from the vineyard forth.  
What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do?

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shall he not come, and miserably destroy  
those wicked men, and let his vineyard out  
310 to others which shall in season render him  
the fruits thereof?"

*The chief  
Priests,  
Scribes,  
and  
Pharisees  
are  
315 rebuked of  
Jesus for  
their  
hypocrisies*

But the chief priests, the scribes  
and the Pharisees, when they heard this parable,  
perceiving of whom he spake, cried: "God forbid!"  
and forthwith would have taken him, but they feared  
the multitude. Then Jesus steadfastly  
315 beheld them, lifted up his voice, and spake:—  
"Woe unto you, Scribes, Pharisees—hypocrites!  
for the kingdom of heaven ye shut up against men,  
neither go in yourselves. Behold, ye lade  
320 burdens, very heavy and grievous to be borne,  
upon their shoulders; though ye touch them not  
with one of your fingers. Woe unto you, Scribes,  
Pharisees,—hypocrites! for ye enlarge  
the borders of your garments, and make broad  
325 your phylacteries, and long—to be seen of men—  
your prayers, and therefore verily also, yours  
shall be the greater damnation! Woe unto you  
Scribes, Pharisees—hypocrites! for ye love  
at feasts the uppermost room, in synagogues  
330 the chiefest seat; when ye would do an alms,  
to sound the trumpet before you in the streets;  
in the market-place loud greetings, and to be called  
"Rabbi, Rabbi!" and to have glory of men,  
but seek the honor not—that cometh of God!  
335 Woe unto you, Scribes, Pharisees—hypocrites!  
blind leaders of the blind, for sea and land



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ye compass to gain one proselyte, and make  
(more than yourselves be) him a child of Hell.  
Woe unto you, Scribes, Pharisees—hypocrites!  
340 For anise, mint, cummin, rue ye tithe,—and leave  
the weightier matters of the law undone :  
judgment, faith, mercy, yea, and love of God!  
Woe unto you Scribes, Pharisees,—hypocrites!  
for your faces ye disfigure, put sackcloth on,  
345 and are of a sad countenance, that to fast  
ye seem, yet devour—widows' houses! Woe!  
woe unto you Scribes, Pharisees,—hypocrites!  
For the outside of the platter and the cup  
ye cleanse, howbeit your inward part is full  
350 of extortion and excess, of ravening  
and wickedness. Woe, woe unto you Scribes,  
Pharisees,—hypocrites! for verily,  
ye are like unto the whited sepulchres  
which appear beautiful indeed without  
355 albeit they be filled with dead men's bones  
and all uncleanness. Woe unto you, Scribes,  
Pharisees,—hypocrites! for your fathers stoned  
the Prophets and righteous men, and ye their tombs  
have builded ; wherefore ye allow the deeds  
360 of them that slew them! Fill the measure up  
ye serpents, of your fathers' iniquity.  
If ye were children of Abraham, ye would do  
the works of Abraham. Of the devil ye are,  
which was from the beginning a murdärer  
365 and liar ; wherefore ye believe me not  
and seek to kill me—a man which telleth you  
the truth that he hath heard from God! Of Hell

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how can ye then escape the damnation? Lo,  
I send wise men and prophets unto you.—

- 370 Some ye shall kill and crucify; and scourge  
others from city unto city, that on you  
may come all the righteous blood shed upon earth  
from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood  
of Zacharias, whom ye slew between  
375 the temple and the altar. Verily, verily  
this generation passeth not away  
before all these my words shall be fulfilled!"

*Jesus goeth  
out of the  
temple and  
foretelleth  
its  
destruction*

- And having spoken, out of the temple went  
Jesus. But his disciples said, "Behold,  
380 Master, what manner of buildings be not these  
adorned with goodly stones and precious gifts!"  
And Jesus answered them and said: "One stone  
shall not upon another be left thereof  
that shall not be cast down!"

*and in  
answer to  
questions  
uttereth a  
prophecy  
of the  
fall of  
Jerusalem  
and the  
last days*

- And afterward,  
385 as over against the temple Jesus stood  
upon the Mount of Olives, Peter and James  
and John and Andrew asked him: "Tell us, Lord,  
what sign appeareth when this shall come to pass?"  
And Jesus answered: "When ye hear of wars,  
390 and rumours of wars; of kingdom against kingdom,  
nation against nation rising. And there shall be  
great earthquakes, famines sore, and pestilences  
and fearful sights from heaven! But fear not ye,  
for these are the beginnings only of woe.

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- 395 Not yet cometh the end. First upon you  
shall they lay hands, and persecute you and kill.  
For my name's sake, of all men hated, betrayed  
of kinsfolk, friends and brethren shall ye be.  
Howbeit, in patience shall ye possess your souls.
- 400 For whosoever of you unto the end  
endureth, shall be saved. Behold, the sun  
shall darken, and the moon not give her light ;  
from heaven the stars shall fall ; and upon earth,  
the sea, and the waves roaring, and men's hearts
- 405 for terror failing them, because of heaven  
the powers are shaken. And, lo, the Son of Man  
in the clouds cometh with all glory and might,  
and sendeth forth, to the sound of the great trump,  
his angels, that they gather his elect
- 410 from the four winds—from the uttermost part of earth,  
to the uttermost part of heaven. Then lift ye up  
your heads, and look ! for of your redemption nigh  
draweth the hour. Yea, heaven and earth shall pass,  
yet my words shall remain. Howbeit no man
- 415 knoweth of that hour, nor the angels even of God,  
no, nor the Son—but the Father alone in heaven.  
For, as in the days before the flood, men ate,  
drank, married and gave in marriage till the time  
that the flood came down and swallowed them up quick ;
- 420 so also shall it be when the Son of Man  
cometh. Watch ye, therefore, and pray always  
that ye be accounted worthy to escape  
all these things—and before the Son of man  
to stand !”

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*In the  
house of  
Simon the  
woman  
taken in  
adultery  
anointeth  
Jesus*

Now Jesus sat, when the even was come,  
425 in the house of one,—Simon the Pharisee,  
of Bethany,—at meat. And the woman he saved  
from her accusers knew that he was there;  
and came and brought an alabaster box  
of spikenard very precious, and at his feet  
430 wept, and with tears washed them; and brake the box  
of alabaster, and poured the ointment out  
upon his feet, and wiped them with her hair,  
and kissed them. Whereupon the house was filled  
with the sweet odor, and some within themselves  
435 had indignation, and said: “Why was this waste?  
Might it not have been sold for much, and given  
unto the poor?” But Jesus answering, saith:  
“Why trouble ye the woman? The poor alway  
ye have with you to do them good; but Me  
440 ye have not alway. Anointing aforehand  
my body to the burial, she hath done  
all that she could. And throughout the whole world,  
yea,  
wherever is preached the gospel, verily  
shall this, which she hath wrought on me, be told  
445 for a memoriäl of her.”

*The host  
murmur-  
eth against  
Jesus*

Then spake  
he which had bidden Him within himself:  
“If this man were a prophet, assuredly  
he would have known what manner of woman is she  
that toucheth him.” But Jesus saith to him:  
450 “Simon, I have to tell thee somewhat.”—“Master,”  
he answereth, “Say on.”—“A creditor

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there was which had two debtors. One  
five hundred pence, the other fifty owed.  
And frankly, when they had naught wherewith to pay,  
445 the man forgave them both. Which, thinkest thou,  
will love him most?"

*and is  
reproved  
of the  
Lord and  
the woman  
praised 460  
for her  
much love*

And Simon answer made :  
"The same, whom he forgave the most." Then turned  
Jesus unto the woman and said : "Seest thou  
Simon, this woman? I entered into thine house,  
and thou gavest me no water for my feet.  
460 And lo, this woman hath washed them with her tears,  
and wiped them with her hair. Thou gavest me  
no kiss ; but since I came she hath not ceased  
to kiss my feet. Thou anointedst not with oil  
465 my head ; but she with spikenard hath my feet  
anointed. Wherefore of a truth I say  
her sins which are many shall be all forgiven,  
for much she loveth." And unto Mary he said :—  
"Thy sins are forgiven thee. Go in peace. Thy faith  
470 hath saved thee." And away she went in joy.



TRANSCRIPT V

**The Passover**





*Judas  
agreeth to  
betray  
Jesus for  
thirty  
pieces of  
silver, in  
the absence  
of the  
people*

1 Now as the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh,  
to the twelve saith Jesus (knowing his hour was come  
that unto the Father he should out of the world  
depart) : “Yet two more days, ye wit, and lo,  
5 the Pássover, whereon the Son of man  
shall be betrayed and crucified.” Then him,—  
who, numbered with the apostles, bare the bag—  
Judas, surnamed Iscariot, straightway  
did Satan enter. Howbeit, against the feast,  
10 the Lord commanded him to buy all things  
needful, and Judas went. And it came to pass  
that unto the palace of Caiaphas at that time,—  
consulting with the Captains of the guard  
how Jesus they might take by subtlety  
15 or craft to kill him,—the chief priests and scribes  
and elders were assembled. Nevertheless  
“Not at the feast” they said “lest an uproar  
be made among the people.” When hereof  
Judas had heard, with the Captains of the guard  
20 the elders, the chief priests, the Pharisees  
and Scribes he communed long, and they were glad,  
promising money. Wherefore Judas said :  
“If in the absence of the multitude  
I shall into your hand deliver him—  
25 what will ye give me?” Then they covenanted

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for the ransom of a slave, (the goodly price  
at which they valued him in Israë!)  
and from the temple treasury weighed they out  
even thirty pieces of silver. From that hour  
30 convenient opportunity Judas sought  
to betray Jesus.

*Jesus  
instructeth  
Peter and  
John where  
to make  
ready the  
Passover*

When the first day was come  
of the unleavened bread, and th' Passover must be  
killed,  
the twelve asked, saying: "Master, where wouldst Thou  
have us prepare for Thee, that thou mayest eat  
35 the Passover?" So Peter and John he sent:—  
"Unto the city go, prepare for us  
the passover that we may eat it. Lo,  
when ye are entered, there shall meet you a man  
a pitcher of water bearing. Follow him,  
40 and say ye, wheresoever he shall go in,  
unto the goodman of the house: "To thee  
sendeth the Master word by us: "My time  
is nigh at hand, and in thine house I keep  
the Passover. Where is the guest-chamber then  
45 that I may eat it, with my disciples, there?"'  
and he shall shew you a large upper room,  
furnished, where make ye ready." Peter and John  
went, therefore, and did as was commanded them,  
and came into the city, and everything  
50 found even as Jesus said.

*The lamb  
is slain in  
the temple*

Now, to observe  
unto the Lord their God the Passover,

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*according  
to the rite*

- and sanctify themselves, in Jerusalem  
a very great congregation gathered were ;  
and in the temple, after sacrifice
- 55 at even, the singers praised with cheerful voice,  
and instruments of music in their place,  
the Lord, saying : "Sing we merrily aloud,  
bring hither psaltery, timbrel, harp and lute,  
and make to God our strength a joyful noise.
- 60 In the new moon, at the appointed time,  
blow up the trumpet for our solemn feast !"  
And Peter and John took from the sheep a lamb,  
one without blemish, a male of the first year,  
(which Judas bought, and showed unto the priest
- 65 before) and laying (or ever were lit the lamps  
upon the seven-branched golden candlestick,  
and the censers taken, filled with coals of fire  
from off the altar, to burn, of spices sweet  
compounded, the holy incense) on the head
- 70 thereof their hand, killed it before the Lord ;  
and the priests brought in golden bowls the blood  
(which is the life of flesh, and for the soul  
maketh atonement) yea, and sprinkled it  
on the altar round about, and Levites flayed
- 75 the lamb. Moreover, the singers sang an hymn :  
"I am the Lord thy God. Open wide thy mouth,  
and I shall fill it. But Israel would not hear  
my voice ; wherefore unto their own hearts' lusts  
I gave them up. Yet O that, hearkëning,
- 80 my people would walk humbly in my ways :  
then should their day endure forever more !"

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*Peter and  
John make  
all things  
ready*

85 So Peter and John out of the temple went,  
and roasted with fire the Passover, nor break  
a bone thereof; and bitter herbs and bread  
unleavened, (according to all the ordinances  
and rites,) made ready in the upper room  
which the master of the house had shewed to them.

*Jesus  
sitteth him  
down with  
the twelve  
at meat*

90 Now in the evening, Jesus with the twelve  
cometh, and having loved unto the end  
his own, saith: "Very greatly have I desired  
to eat with you, before I suffer, this last  
Passover; for, until it be fulfilled  
in the Kingdom of God, I say unto you, no more  
shall I from henceforth eat it." Then the cup  
95 He taketh, giveth thanks, and saith: "Divide  
among yourselves, for verily, verily  
Of the fruit of the vine I will not drink again,  
until the day when I shall drink it new  
in the kingdom of my Father."

*Jesus  
teacheth  
the law of  
greatness  
in the  
kingdom  
by taking  
upon  
himself a  
slave's  
office*

100 Among the twelve  
had strife arisen as touching which of them  
should, being accounted greatest, occupy  
the chief seats at the supper, and Jesus spake:  
"Whether think ye is the greater of the twain—  
who sitteth at meat or he which serveth him?  
105 But lo, with you as he that serveth am I;  
appointing, (as the Father unto Me,)  
a kingdom unto you (which still with me  
continue in my temptations,) that Ye eat  
and at my table drink, and sit on thrones

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- 110 to judge the tribes of Israël." Now John,  
whom Jesus loved, and he which bare the bag  
Judas, Iscariot named, at either hand  
sat of their Master, and in the lowest room  
Simon. And Jesus (knowing that all things  
115 were given him of the Father in his hand,  
and that he was from God come forth, and went  
to God), from supper riseth, and aside  
layeth his garment, and about his loins  
with the towel girdeth himself, and pouring out  
120 water in a basin cometh to Peter first.  
But Simon saith: "Lord, dost Thou wash *my* feet?"  
And Jesus answering, said: "That which I do  
thou knowest not now, but shalt hereafter know."  
And Simon saith again: "Never *my* feet  
125 shalt Thou, Lord, wash!" And Jesus answered him:  
"If so I wash thee not, no part with Me  
hast thou." Then Peter crieth out aloud:—  
"Not my feet only, but my hands and head  
also, O Lord!" So Jesus washed his feet,  
130 saying: "Simon, he that every whit is clean  
no need hath, saving that he wash his feet,  
soiled with the dust of the highway. Ye are clean;  
howbeit not all of you."

*Jesus  
explaineth  
that which  
he hath  
done unto  
his  
disciples*

And afterward  
when unto all the twelve He had done the same  
and taken again his robe, and was set down,  
135 He said: "Know ye what I have done to you?  
Ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well,  
for so I am. If verily I, the Lord

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*and  
biddeth  
them do  
likewise*

and Master, then have washed your feet ye ought  
140 likewise to wash each one the other's feet.  
Lo, an ensample have I given, that you  
might do as I have done. Not greater indeed  
he that is sent than Whoso sendeth him!  
Blessèd of a truth are ye, if knowing these things  
145 ye do them. But I speak not of you all.  
I know whom I have chosen. Of my bread  
he that hath eaten lifteth up his heel  
against me. And behold I tell it you  
before it come to pass, to the intent  
150 ye may afterward believe that I am HE!  
Verily, verily say I unto you  
he that receiveth whomsoever I send  
receiveth Me; and who receiveth Me  
receiveth HIM that sent me!"

*Jesus as  
head of his  
house  
telleth the  
meaning  
of the  
feast*

When he had done  
155 speaking after this manner to the twelve,  
in order of the rite the youngest asked  
"What mean ye by this feast?" And Jesus spake  
answering, "It is the service of the Lord's  
Passover. For, when Pharo hardened his heart  
160 that out of Egypt our fathers should not go,  
the Lord bade every man take for his house  
a lamb from among the sheep or goats,—a lamb  
without a blemish, a male of the first year,—  
and in the even kill; and in the blood  
165 dipping a bunch of hyssop, strike therewith  
the lintel and two sideposts of the door,

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that till the morning none should issue forth  
out of the house ; but roast the lamb with fire,  
and eat the flesh thereof with bitter herbs,  
170 and with the unleavened bread of their affliction.  
So in haste our fathers girt their loins, and ate,  
shoes on their feet, and in their hand the staff.  
And in that night the Lord, throughout the land  
of Egypt, smote the first-born, down from him  
175 which sat upon the throne, to the prisoner  
that in his dungeon lay ; but when the blood  
He saw, passed over the houses of Israël. Thus  
brought the Lord God our fathers forth, with arm  
outstretchèd, and with a mighty hand."

*The psalm  
of thanks-  
giving is  
sung of  
them all*

Then sang  
180 the twelve this psalm : "Bless ye the Lord, and praise  
his holy name, from the rising of the sun  
to the going down thereof, now and henceforth  
forevermore ! What God is like our God  
that humbleth himself, although He dwell on high,  
185 beholding things in heaven and things in earth ?  
When Jacob out of Egypt came of old  
from among strangers, was not Israël  
his sanctuary and dominion ? The sea saw  
and fled. Jordan was driven back. Like rams  
190 the mountains skipped, and like the young of the fold  
the little hills ! At the presence of the Lord  
tremble O earth ! at the presence of our God  
which into standing water turned the rock,  
and into springing wells the wilderness !"

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*Jesus  
foretelleth  
his  
betrayal*

195 When thus they had according to the rite  
spoken and sung together, Jesus waxed  
troubled in spirit and testified: "Verily,  
verily, of you, which eat with me this night,  
one shall betray me!" The disciples looked  
200 each on the other exceeding sorrowful,  
and doubted of whom he spake, among themselves  
inquiring which it was should do this thing.  
Then said they unto Jesus one by one  
"Lord, is it I?" And answering, Jesus spake:  
205 "Who dippeth in the dish with me his hand,  
the same betrayeth me! The Son of man  
goeth of a truth as it is written of Him,  
but woe to him by whom He is betrayed;  
good were it that he never had been born!"

*Jesus  
commun-  
eth with  
Judas*

210 Now unto him which leaned on Jesus' breast,  
the disciple whom he loved, did Simon Peter  
beckon, that he should ask the Lord of whom  
He spake. So, lying in Jesus' bosom, John  
saith: "Lord, which is the man?" Wherefore the Lord  
215 answered him saying: "He it is to whom,  
when I have dipped it in the dish, I first  
shall give the sop." Howbeit at his right,  
Judas asked "Master is it I?" The sop  
then giving unto him, that he alone  
220 should hear it, Jesus made him answer: "Thou  
hast said!" So after he gave the sop, straightway  
Satan into Judas entering, Jesus said:  
"Do quickly that thou doest." But no man  
at table knew to what intent He spake.



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225 Wherefore, Judas, having received the sop,  
arose; and he went out immediately,  
and it was night.

When Judas was gone forth

*Jesus  
ordaineth  
the Lord's  
Supper  
and telleth  
them of  
his  
departure*

230 Jesus unto the eleven said: "Glorified  
is now the Son of Man, and God in him  
is glorified. Little children, yet a while  
am I with you, but afterward shall ye seek  
and find me not; for ye, whither I go  
can come not. Wherefore unto you I give  
a new commandment, and by this all men  
235 shall verily know that ye have learned of Me:  
If even as I have loved you, ye do love  
one another also. Who hath greater love  
than that he lay down for his friends—his life?"  
So Jesus, as they sat at meat, took bread,  
240 and giving thanks, he blessed it, brake, and gave  
to his disciples; saying: "Take, and eat.  
It is my body broken now for you.  
This in remembrance do—of Me." Likewise,  
after the supper, Jesus took the cup,  
245 and when he had given thanks, said: "Drink ye all  
of this—the Cup of the New Covenant—  
made in my blood, shed unto remission of sins  
for you and many; and as oft as ye shall drink  
thereof, in remembrance do ye this—of Me!  
250 And verily as to the Jews I said  
so say I unto you. Except the flesh  
of the Son of man ye eat, and drink his blood  
ye have in you no life. My flesh indeed

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is meat, and my blood, drink; and whosoever  
255 liveth by Me shall hunger not, nor thirst;  
and at the last day will I raise him up.  
The words I speak are spirit and are life.  
Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe  
in God, believe therefore in Me. Behold,  
260 many mansions are there in my Father's house,  
and I, to prepare a place for you, must go;  
but that ye also may be where I am  
to receive you unto myself I come again,  
and whither I go ye know the way."

*Thomas  
and Philip  
inquire of  
Jesus  
whither he  
goeth, and  
of the  
Father;* 270  
*and Jesus  
maketh  
answer*

Then saith  
265 Thomas, surnamed Didymus, "Whither O Lord,  
Thou goest we know not, how then can we know  
the way?" But Jesus spake: "I am the way,  
the truth, the life; and no man but by me  
cometh unto the Father. Had ye known  
270 Me, verily, ye should likewise then have known  
the Father." Philip of Bethsaida  
(which to Nathaniel saying "can there come  
good out of Nazareth?" answered "come and see"—  
the same which certain Grecians at the feast  
275 to worship Jesus brought) saith: "Show us Lord,  
the Father, and it sufficeth us."—"With you  
so long time have I been, and hast not thou  
Philip, known Me?" spake Jesus then "who Me  
hath seen, hath seen the Father. Believest thou  
280 that I am in the Father and He in me?  
The words I speak, I speak not of myself.  
Believe me, or else—for the work's sake believe

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which the Father worketh until now through me.  
Verily, verily greater works than these  
285 shall they do which on me believe, because  
I go unto the Father. In my name  
whatsoever ye shall ask, to glorify  
the Father in the Son, that will I do.  
Lo, yet a little while, and me the world  
290 seeth no more; again a little while  
(because I go to the Father, and I live  
and ye live also,) ye shall see me, and know  
that I am in the Father and ye in me,  
and I in you."

*How Jesus  
will  
manifest  
himself  
not unto  
the world  
but unto  
them that  
love him*

But one of the eleven  
295 asked: "Lord, how wilt thou manifest thyself,  
not to the world, but only unto us?"  
"A man, if he will love me," Jesus spake,  
"keepeth my words, and my Father loveth him,  
and, coming, we will make abode with him.  
300 Rejoice if that ye love me; for I go  
unto the Father, and greater than I is He.  
Neither let your heart be troubled nor afraid:  
My peace I leave with you, my peace I give,  
and not as the world giveth. Comfortless  
305 I leave you not; for the Father will I pray  
that He shall send you another Comforter—  
the Spirit of truth—whom, as it seeth not  
nor knoweth, the world can not receive,—but ye  
shall know him, for that he shall dwell in you  
310 and to remembrance call whatever words  
I spake with you. Before they come to pass,

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these things all have I told you. For the prince  
of this world cometh, and findeth naught in me,  
but that ye may believe, and the world know,  
315 that I the Father love, and as He gave  
commandment unto me, even so I do.  
Arise, let us go hence."

*The hymns  
sung when  
the meal  
was done*

Then sang they an hymn:  
"I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice.  
The sorrows of death compassed me round about,  
320 upon my soul the pains of hell gat hold.  
Wherefore I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord  
my life deliver thou!' and bountifully  
He dealt, for gracious and merciful is He.  
The Lord my God which saved my soul from death,  
325 my feet from falling and mine eyes from tears.  
Lo! in the land of the living I will walk  
before Him, for right precious in his sight  
shall be the death of them which are his saints.  
Behold, how truly I am thy servant, Lord,  
330 the son of thine handmaiden. My bonds hast thou  
even knapped in sunder, wherefore unto thee  
I will offer, with thanksgiving, sacrifice,  
and call upon thy name. The Lord be praised!"

*The  
Parable of  
the vine;  
and how  
the Lord*

Now Jesus spake a parable: "The true Vine  
335 am I, and my Father is the husbandman.  
And every branch that beareth not his fruit  
He taketh away, and purgeth every branch  
which bore, that much it bear. I am the Vine,  
the branches ye; and whoso as a branch

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*speaketh  
plainly  
to the  
disciples*

340 abideth in me, and I in him, the same  
bringeth good fruit forth. But if any man  
in me abide not as a branch, cast out  
is he and withered, and men gather such  
with fire to burn them. Herein glorified  
345 shall be my Father that ye bear much fruit.  
Ye know if the world hate you, that before  
it hated me. Yea, verily, the day  
cometh that whosoever killeth you  
shall think he doeth God service, knowing not  
350 the Father. Yet many things have I to say ;  
but ye can not bear them now. Nevertheless  
it is expedient that I go away ;  
for if I go, from the Father will I send  
the Spirit which shall lead into all truth,  
355 and me—of mine receiving—glorify.  
All that the Father hath is mine. Till now  
in parables have I spoken unto you,  
yet lo, the time cometh and is at hand  
when of the Father plainly shall I shew :  
360 From him am I come forth into the world,  
again I leave the world and go to Him.  
And He, because ye love me, loveth you  
Himself.”

*Jesus  
foretelleth  
the scatter-  
ing of his  
disciples  
and com-  
forteth  
them*

The disciples say to Jesus: “Lo!  
now speakest thou plainly, and no parable!  
365 Now are we sure thou knowest all. By this  
do we believe thou camest forth from God.”  
And Jesus, steadfastly regarding them,  
saith: “Do ye now believe? Behold the hour

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cometh, yea, and now is come, that ye shall all  
370 be scattered, leaving me alone. Yet I  
because the Father ever is with me  
am not alone. Be of good cheer : the world  
I have overcome."

*Jesus  
uttereth  
his high  
priestly  
prayer  
for his  
disciples*

And he lifted up his eyes  
to heaven and prayed : "Father, the hour is come,  
375 on earth I have glorified thee and finished the work  
thou gavest me to do. O Father now  
with thine own self (the glory which was mine  
before the world was) glorify thou me.  
To the men thou gavest me out of the world  
380 I have made manifest thy name, and they  
believe that thou hast sent me, and that I  
came forth from thee. O Father, I pray for them.  
Lo, they are thine. Neither for these alone,  
but them, which through their word shall yet believe,  
385 I pray. To thee I come. Not of the world  
are these, as I am not. Thou sentest me ;  
so also send I them into the world,  
and them it hateth as it hateth me.  
Father, I pray thee not out of the world  
390 to take them, but that from the Evil One  
thou shouldest ever keep them. Through thy word  
sanctify thou them for whose sake I myself  
have sanctified. For unto them give I  
the glory which thou gavest me, that they  
395 may be made perfect, as we are, in One.  
And that the love, wherewith thou lovedst me  
from the foundation of the world, in them  
shall dwell, and I in them, and Thou in me."

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*Jesus  
singeth an  
hymn with  
his  
disciples  
ere they  
go forth*

Then all, before they went forth, sang the hymn :  
400 "Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good,  
and ever his mercy endureth. In distress  
I called, and the Lord heard me. On my side  
is He. What shall I fear that man can do?  
He is my strength, my joy, and is become  
405 my strong salvation. The right hand of the Lord  
hath the preeminence. The right hand of the Lord  
bringeth mighty things to pass. I shall not die,  
but live to praise His works who sheweth us light.  
Bless ye the Lord our God, for he is good,  
410 yea, and his mercy endureth evermore!"





TRANSCRIPT VI

**The Passion**



*Jesus  
crosseth  
the brook  
Kidron  
with his  
disciples*

- 1 So, having sung the hymn, went Jesus forth,  
and his disciples with him, to the Mount  
where was a garden whither he oftentimes  
on Olivet resorted; and the place  
5 was known to Judas. Wherefore, when He crossed  
over the black brook, Kidron, Jesus saith:  
“Simon, Simon that he might sift you as wheat,  
Satan desired to have you. But for thee  
have I besought my Father, that thy faith  
10 fail not. Stablish, when thou art turned again,  
thy brethren also.” Then Jesus spake: “Behold,  
ye shall be all offended in Me this night;  
for it is written: ‘the Shepherd of the flock  
I smote, and scattered were the sheep abroad.’  
15 But, after I am risen, into Galilee  
I go before you.”

*Jesus  
fortelleth  
Peter's  
denial and  
warneth  
all the  
disciples of  
spiritual  
danger*

- “Whither” asked Peter “Lord,  
goest thou? Why can I not follow Thee  
even now? I am ready, Lord, with Thee to go  
into prison and to death; and although all  
20 be offended because of Thee, yet will not I,  
but for thy sake I will lay down my life.”  
“Wilt thou for my sake” Jesus saith “lay down  
thy life? Yea, verily, verily this day

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- even this night, before the cock crow twice,  
25 thrice that thou knowest me shalt thou deny!"  
But Peter the more vehemently affirmed:  
"I will not in any wise deny thee, Lord,  
though with Thee I should perish" and the same  
said all the disciples also. Jesus spake:  
30 "When without purse I sent you and scrip and shoes  
lacked ye for anything? But now I say  
he that of you hath purse, or scrip likewise,  
shall take it; and let him, which hath no sword,  
to buy one sell his garment."—"Lord," said they  
35 "Behold two swords!" But he: "It is enough."

*Jesus  
prayeth in  
an agony  
unto the  
Father  
thrice, and  
thrice re-  
proveth his  
disciples,  
Peter,  
James  
and John*

- When He was come unto Gethsemane,  
upon the Mount of Olives, Jesus saith  
to his disciples: "Sit ye here, while I  
go yonder and pray." And taking James and John  
40 and Peter, He began to be sore amazed  
and very heavy, and saith to them: "My soul  
is exceeding sorrowful, yea, unto death.  
Tarry ye here, and watch with me a while."  
And forward He went a little, a stone's-cast  
45 withdrawn from them, kneeled down upon the ground,  
fell on his face and prayed, saying: "All things  
are possible, O my Father unto Thee.  
Take, take from me this cup. Nevertheless,  
not as I will, but as Thou wilt." From heaven  
50 an angel there appeared to strengthen him.  
But Jesus prayed the more instantly, his sweat  
falling in an agony upon the ground,  
yea, as it were great drops of blood. From prayer

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- Jesus then riseth up, and cometh again  
55 to his disciples, and findeth them asleep,  
and toucheth Peter saying: "Sleepest thou?  
What? Couldst thou not watch with me, even thou  
Simon, one hour? Rise, watch and pray, lest ye  
enter into temptation; for, in truth  
60 the spirit is ready, but the flesh is weak."  
And Jesus went away the second time  
and prayed, saying: "Abba, Father, O, if thou  
be willing remove from me this cup." And lo!  
He cometh to Peter and James and John again,  
65 findeth them sleeping, and He saith to them:  
"Why sleep ye?" But with sorrow were their eyes  
heavy, nor wist they what to answer him.  
And Jesus once more saith "watch ye, and pray,"  
and went and spake the third time the same words:  
70 "If this cup, O my Father, may not pass  
away from me except I drink of it—  
not my will,—Thine, be done." Then cometh He  
and saith to his disciples: "Sleep on, now,  
and take your rest! It is enough. Behold,  
75 the hour is come. Betrayed into the hands  
of sinners is the Son of Man. Rise up,  
let us be going, for he draweth nigh  
that doth betray Me."

*Judas ap-  
proacheth*

- And lo, while He yet spake  
immediately Judas came—one of the twelve,  
80 which knew the place—leading a band of men  
and officers, which the Pharisees, the chief Priests,  
the Scribes and the Elders of the people sent

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with swords and torches ; and a great multitude  
with staves and lanterns followed.

*Judas  
kisseth  
the Lord*

Now, a token  
85 had Judas given : "Whomsoever I shall kiss  
that same is He. Take him and hold him fast,  
and lead him safely away." So Judas said,  
as soon as he drew nigh to Jesus : "Hail,  
Master!" and kissed Him. Jesus answered him :  
90 "Friend, wherefore art thou come? The Son of Man  
betrayest thou, Judas, with a kiss?"

*Jesus  
meeteth the  
multitude  
and they  
fall to the  
ground*

All things  
knowing which yet should come on him, straightway  
went Jesus forth, and asked : "Whom seek ye here?"  
And they said : "Jesus of Nazareth!"—"I am He"  
95 He answered, and they fell back to the ground.  
A second time he asked "Whom seek ye?" and they  
answered again : "Jesus of Nazareth!"  
"That I am He I told you," Jesus said  
"If Me ye seek, leave these to go their way."

*Peter  
offereth  
to defend  
the Lord ;  
whom  
Jesus  
answereth*

100 Peter said "Master, shall we with the sword  
smite them?" stretched out his hand, and drew and  
smote  
Malchus therewith, a servant of the High Priest,  
and struck his right ear off. But Jesus said  
to Simon Peter : "Simon, into his sheath  
105 put up thy sword. For they which take the sword  
shall perish with the sword. What, thinkest thou  
I can not pray my Father and presently

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more than twelve legions of angels shall He send?  
But the cup my Father giveth me—must not I  
110 drink it? For else, how should concerning Me  
the Scriptures of the Prophets be fulfilled?  
Suffer thus far.”

*Jesus  
giveth  
himself up  
unto the  
multitude* 115

And Jesus touched the ear,  
and forthwith healed it; and spake in that same hour  
unto the multitude, the Captains, the Chief Priests  
and Elders: “As against a thief with swords  
and staves be ye come out to take me? Daily  
Taught I not in the temple? Yet your hands  
there to lay hold of Me ye stretched not forth.  
But this was done that the Scripture be fulfilled;  
120 and now is the power of Darkness—and your hour!”  
Wherefore the Captain and the Officers  
took Jesus, bound, and led him in their midst  
out of the Garden of Gethsemane  
in Olivet; and his disciples all  
125 forsook him and fled.

*Jesus is  
brought  
before  
Annas:  
Peter  
denieth his  
Master* 130

Now the whole multitude  
Brought Jesus to the house of Annas first,  
the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who that year  
had been appointed in his room High Priest.  
And it was cold. Wherefore the officers  
and servants kindled in the hall a fire,  
and were set down together and warmed themselves.  
Now Peter had followed afar off, and stood  
without the palace porch to see the end;  
so John, who being known to the High Priest

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135 entered with Jesus, to the damsel spake  
that kept the door, and forthwith brought him in.  
But the damsel saith to Peter: "Wast thou not  
with Jesus of Galilee? Thou art also one  
of his disciples!" And Peter before all  
140 denied: "I am not, neither do understand  
whereof thou speakest!" Then he went and sat  
with the servants and officers, and warmed himself  
at the fire of coals.

*Annas  
maketh  
enquiry  
concerning  
the  
doctrine  
and  
disciples  
of Jesus*

But Annas rose and asked  
Jesus concerning the doctrine which he taught,  
and his disciples, and He answered then:  
145 "Openly spake I to the world, and ever  
taught in the temple and the synagogue  
whither all men resort; nor anything  
spake I in secret. Wherefore askest thou me?  
150 Ask them which heard Me! What I said, behold,  
they know!" When thus he had spoken, an Officer,  
which stood hard by, struck with the palm of the hand  
Jesus, saying: "Answerest thou the High Priest so?"  
But He made answer: "If I have spoken ill,  
155 bear witness of that evil; but if well  
why smitest thou Me?"

*Peter  
denieth  
the Lord  
again  
twice*

Then cometh one of the maids  
of the High Priest, and looketh narrowly  
on Peter, and saith to them which stood near by:  
"This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.  
160 Thou art one of his disciples." With an oath  
Peter denied: "I do not know the Man."



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And the cock crew. After a little while,  
when he was gone into the porch, came they  
which stood about, saying: "Thou art surely one.  
165 Thou art a Galilean, for thy speech  
bewrayeth thee." And a servant of the High Priest,  
kinsman to him whose ear Peter cut off,  
did confidently affirm: "Yea, of a truth  
thou art one of them. Saw I not thee with Him  
170 in the garden?" Peter began to curse and swear:  
"I know not what thou sayest, nor this Man  
of whom ye speak." And immediately the cock,  
while yet he spake, did crow the second time.  
And the Lord turned and looked on Simon, and he  
175 remembered how the Lord had said to him:  
"Before the cock twice crow, verily, thrice  
shalt thou deny me." And he went out, and wept  
bitterly.

*Jesus  
before  
Caiaphas  
declareth  
that he is  
Christ,  
and is  
condemned  
to death,  
and  
mocked*

Now as soon as it was day,  
the Chief Priests and the Elders and the Scribes  
180 were all assembled and together held  
in the palace of Caiaphas council. Thither, bound,  
Annas sent Jesus likewise to the High Priest;  
which sought for witness, but against Him none  
found, although testifying many came—  
185 false witnesses. But there arose at last  
twain which did say: "We have heard that fellow boast:  
"This temple made with hands will I destroy,  
and, without hands, build another in three days."  
Yet neither so their witness would agree.  
190 Then in the midst stood the High Priest and asked

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- Jesus: "Thou answerest nothing? What is that which these against Thee witness?" But his peace He held, and answered not. So the high priest inquired again: "Tell us, art Thou the Christ?"
- 195 "If I shall tell you, ye will not believe; nor answer if I ask, nor let me go."  
But th' High Priest answered: "By the living God adjure I thee, that thou declare to us whether Thou be the Christ or no, the Son
- 200 of the Blessēd?" Jesus answered: "Thou hast said. Nevertheless I say unto you, that ye hereafter shall behold the Son of Man seated on the right hand of power, and coming in clouds of heaven!" "Art Thou" then cried they all
- 205 "The Son of God?" and Jesus said: "I AM."  
Forthwith the High Priest rent his clothes, and said: "What need of further witness? Ye have heard of his own mouth the blasphemy he hath spoken. What think ye?" To be guilty of death, they all
- 210 condemned him. Then began the men, which held Jesus, to buffet Him, and in his face to spit; and when they had blindfolded Him, the servants mocked and smote Him with their hands, saying: "Prophesy, thou Christ, who smiteth Thee?"
- 215 And blasphemously many other things spake they against Him.

*Jesus is  
taken  
before Pon-  
tius Pilate  
and accused*

But straightway the Chief Priests held with the Rulers of the people and Scribes a consultation; that the whole multitude, as soon as it was morning, rose, and bound,

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- 220 and from the palace of Caiaphas led away  
Jesus into the Governor's judgment hall;  
yet went not in themselves, lest for the feast  
they be defiled. So Pontius Pilate, then  
the Roman Governor, came forth, and asked:  
225 "What accusation bring ye against this Man?"  
And the Chief Priests made answer: "Unto thee  
would we deliver Him up if he were not  
a malefactor?" and loudly they began  
to accuse Jesus: "We this fellow have found  
230 perverting the nation, forbidding that men pay  
tribute to Cæsar, for that He himself  
is Christ, a king." And Pontius Pilate said:  
"Take Him yourselves, and according to your law  
judge Him." But the Chief Priests and Elders said:  
235 "It is not for us lawful to put any man  
to death."

*Pontius  
Pilate  
examineth  
Jesus and  
declareth  
him  
innocent*

- Wherefore into the judgment hall  
Pilate went in, and before him Jesus stood.  
"Art Thou," the Governor asked, "the King of the  
Jews?"  
Jesus made answer: "Sayest thou of thyself  
240 this thing, or did another tell it thee?"  
"Am I a Jew?" said Pilate, "the Chief Priests,  
and thine own nation have delivered Thee  
into mine hand. What therefore hast thou done?"  
But Jesus answered him: "Not of this world  
245 my kingdom is, else would my servants fight.  
But now is my kingdom not from hence."—"Art Thou  
a king then?" Pilate asked the second time.

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Jesus made answer : "Thou sayest that I am  
a king, and verily into the world came I  
250 for this same cause, and to this end was born,  
that I should witness bear unto the truth.  
Everyone, that is of the truth, heareth my voice."  
Then Pontius Pilate, saying : "What is truth?"  
went out to the Chief Priests, Elders, and Scribes,  
255 and spake : "I find in the Man no fault at all."

*The  
governor  
marvelleth  
at the  
silence of  
Jesus, and  
sendeth  
him unto  
Herod*

When they accused him, Jesus answered not  
wherefore the Governor said to Him : "Behold,  
how many things they witness against Thee."  
And Jesus answered him to never a word,  
260 in so much that he greatly marvelled. They  
waxed notwithstanding the more fierce, and said :  
"He stirreth up the people everywhere,  
teaching throughout all Jewry to this place,  
beginning from Galilee." So soon therefore  
265 as Pilate knew that Jesus came indeed  
from Galilee, of Herod's jurisdiction,  
he sent Him unto Herod, who at that time  
was also in Jerusalem.

*Judas doth  
repent him  
of his  
treason  
and  
hangeth  
himself*

But when he saw  
that Jesus was condemned of the Chief Priests,  
270 Judas repented himself, and brought to them  
the thirty pieces of silver, and said : "I have sinned,  
in that I did betray the innocent blood."  
But they made answer : "What is that to us?  
See thou to it." So in the temple he cast  
275 the thirty pieces down, departed and went

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and straightway hanged himself. But the chief priests  
the thirty pieces of silver took and said :

“It is not lawful in the treasury  
to put them, for they be the price of blood.”

280 And after taking counsel, they bought therewith  
to bury strangers in, the potter’s field :  
wherefore unto this day that field was called  
‘Aceldama’ (in their proper tongue, the field  
of blood).

*Herod  
examineth  
Jesus, and  
mocketh  
him*

285 Now, Herod, hearing at sundry times  
of the Lord’s mighty works—and sore perplexed  
for that some said Elijah had appeared ;  
and others, risen again, one of the old  
prophets ; and others some, that he was John,  
the Baptist, whom for an oath’s sake himself  
290 in prison beheaded—had desired to see  
of a long season Jesus, and was glad  
exceedingly, and hoped that he would work  
some notable miracle. Wherefore, when the Chief  
Priests  
and Scribes had stood and vehemently accused  
295 Jesus in many words, Herod began  
to question with Him, but He would not speak.  
Then Herod arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe,  
and with his men of war set Him at naught,  
and sent Him back unto the Governor.  
300 But Pontius Pilate and Herod, at enmity  
between themselves before, were that same day  
made friends together !

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*Pontius  
Pilate  
maketh  
three  
attempts  
to set  
Jesus at  
liberty*

Now the Governor  
knew that for envy the Chief Priests and Scribes  
delivered Jesus; and yearly it was his wont  
305 to release unto the people at the feast  
one prisoner whomsoever they desired;  
and the people were gathered together that he should do  
after his custom, and in the judgment seat  
Pilate was set. But his wife sent unto him,  
310 saying: "Have thou naught to do with this Just Man;  
for I because of Him in dream this day  
have suffered many things." Then the Governor  
called the Rulers of the people and the Chief Priests  
and said to them: "Ye have brought this Man to me  
315 as one perverting the nation. And behold,  
I have examined Him before you, and found  
no fault in him as touching all those things  
whereof ye do accuse Him; no, nor yet  
Herod, the tetrarch, to whom I sent you. Naught  
320 is done of him worthy at all of death.  
But a custom have you that I should release  
one prisoner at the Passover unto you.  
Him therefore, after I have chastised Him first,  
I will release." Then to the people he spake:  
325 "Whom will ye that I set at liberty  
Barabbas, or Jesus which is called the Christ,  
King of the Jews?" But the Elders and Chief Priests  
persuaded the multitude that they should ask  
Barabbas, the robber and murderer, and destroy  
330 Jesus; so, when the Governor asked again:  
"Whether will ye of the twain that I release?"  
they cried aloud; and the voices of the Chief Priests

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prevailed: "Barabbas! Barabbas! Not this man."  
And the Governor spake, desirous to release  
335 Jesus: "What shall I do with Him ye call  
Christ, King of the Jews?" And they with one accord  
cried out: "Let him be crucified!" Again  
asked Pilate: "Why, what evil hath he done?"  
And with loud voice the more exceedingly  
340 they cried out: "Crucify him! Crucify!"  
Yet the third time spake Pilate unto them;  
and they were instant all, requiring him  
that Jesus be put to death. The Governor,  
when nothing he prevailed, but rather saw  
345 a tumult made, caused water to be brought  
and washed his hands before the multitude,  
saying: "Behold, of the blood of this Just Man  
I am innocent. See ye to it." And they  
answered: "On us and on our children be  
350 his blood." So, Pilate, willing to content  
the people, released Barabbas unto them;  
but Jesus he delivered to be scourged.

*The  
soldiers  
of the  
governor  
cruelly  
mock Jesus  
after that  
he is  
scourged*

After the soldiers of the Governor  
had stripped and scourged Him, they platted of sharp  
thorns  
355 a crown, clothed Him in purple, and put a reed  
in his right hand, and on his head the crown  
of thorns, and bowed the knee to Him and mocked,  
and began to worship Him and to salute,  
saying: "Hail, King of the Jews." And in his face  
360 they spat, and took the reed out of his hand,  
and smote Him on the head.

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*Thrice  
again doth  
the  
governor  
attempt to  
release  
him*

When the governor  
beheld him so, he went to the people and said :  
“Lo, again I bring Him forth, that ye may know  
how I find in Him no fault.” And Jesus came  
wearing the crown of thorns, and scarlet robe,  
365 and Pilate saith to them : “Behold the MAN.”  
Howbeit when the Chief Priests and Officers saw  
they cried out : “Crucify Him! Crucify!”  
“Take ye him then,” saith Pilate “and crucify,  
370 for I have found no fault at all in Him.”  
The Chief Priests said : “We have a law whereby  
because he made himself the Son of God  
He ought to die.” When Pilate heard, he went  
the more afraid into the judgment hall  
375 and saith to Jesus : “Whence art Thou?” But he  
no answer made. “Answerest thou me not?”  
saith Pilate, “Knowest thou not that I have power  
to crucify Thee, and power to release?”  
Jesus saith : “Thou couldst have no power at all  
380 against Me, except it were given thee from above ;  
theirs that into thine hand delivered me  
is therefore the greater sin.” Wherefore the more  
sought Pilate to release him. But th’ Chief Priests  
cried out : “Thou art, if thou let this man go,  
385 not Cæsar’s friend! Whosoever maketh himself  
king, against Cæsar speaketh.” The governor  
brought Jesus forth, and sat in the judgment seat  
and said : “Behold your King!” But they cried out :  
“Away with him! Crucify him! Crucify!”  
390 And Pilate saith : “What, shall I crucify



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your KING?" Then answered the Chief Priests, the  
Scribes,  
the Elders and all the people: "We have no KING—  
but Cæsar!" So Pontius Pilate, the governor,  
delivered Jesus up unto their will  
395 to crucify Him.

*On the  
way to  
Golgotha  
Jesus  
comforteth  
them that  
weep for  
him*

When they had taken off  
the purple robe, with his own garment clad,  
they led Him forth outside the city gate  
to crucify Him; and by the way they met  
Simon, the Cyrenéan, whom they compelled  
to bear the cross of Jesus after him.  
Moreover there followed a great company  
of people, and women also which bewailed  
and lamented him. But Jesus turned and said:  
"For me, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
405 weep not, but for your children and yourselves.  
For lo! the days come wherein men shall say  
to the mountains 'fall on us!' and to the hills  
'cover us!' Blessèd are the barren, the wombs  
that brought not forth, the breasts that gave not suck."

*Jesus is  
crucified,  
and he  
prayeth  
for them  
that in  
ignorance*

410 As they were therefore come unto the place  
called of the skull,—and in the Hebrew tongue  
Golgotha, Calvary—the soldiers mocked  
Jesus, and offered him wine mingled with myrrh,  
which, after he had tasted, He would not drink.  
415 Then stripped the soldiers all his raiment off,  
and laid Him on the cross, and drave the nails

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*sinned  
against  
him*

piercing his hands and feet ; and over his head  
made fast the superscription Pilate wrote,  
and set the cross upright ; and hanged the twain,  
420 which were led out with him to be put to death,  
upon his right hand one, and on his left  
the other malefactor.—In their midst,  
crucified, Jesus prayed for them : “O Father  
forgive them, for they know not what they do.”  
425 Howbeit, the soldiers took, and in four parts  
parted his raiment, and his vesture woven  
from the top throughout, seamless, they would not rend,  
but said : “Let us cast lots whose it shall be.”  
These things the soldiers did, and sat and watched.

*The  
people  
mock Jesus  
as he  
hanged  
on the  
cross*

430 Much people also stood beholding Him,  
and many passed that way, (for the place was nigh  
unto the city) which read the title writ  
in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek : “This man  
is Jesus of Nazareth,—the King of the Jews.”  
435 Wherefore to the governor the Chief Priests sent,  
saying : “Write thou not, we pray thee : ‘King of the  
Jews’  
but that he boasted : ‘I am the King of the Jews.’ ”  
And Pilate said “I have writ what I have writ.”  
Nevertheless the people wagged their heads  
440 and railed at Jesus. “Thou that wouldst destroy  
the temple, and build it without hands again  
in three days, save Thyself ; yea, from the cross  
if Thou *be* Christ, the Chosen of God, come down.”  
The soldiers also mocked him : “If Thou *be*  
445 King of the Jews, come down now from the cross.”

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Likewise the Chief Priests murmured among themselves with the Elders and the Scribes, deriding him :

“Others he saved, himself he can not save!  
let Christ, the King of Israel, from the Cross  
450 descend that we may see Him and believe!  
In God he trusted, let God deliver him  
if God will have him, for Himself he called  
the Son of God.”

*Jesus  
careth  
for his  
bereaved  
mother*

But, by the cross there stood  
the Mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene,  
455 and others also which had followed Him  
from Galilee, and wept, and kissed his feet.  
When Jesus therefore saw his Mother, and John,  
he saith to Mary : “Woman behold thy son.”  
And to the disciple whom he loved : “Behold  
460 thy Mother.” And John took Mary from that hour  
to his own home.

*His word  
of promise  
to the thief  
that  
prayed  
to be  
remem-  
bered of  
the Lord*

Now one of the two thieves  
which hung to either hand of Jesus, cast  
the same words in his teeth wherewith the priests  
had railed at him : “Save thou thyself and us,  
465 if Thou be Christ.” But the other thief rebuked  
his fellow : “Fearest thou not God, which art  
in the selfsame condemnation?—and justly we,  
receiving of our deeds the due reward,—  
yet nothing amiss at all hath this man done.”  
470 To Jesus then he said : “Remember me  
when Thou art come into thy kingdom, Lord.”  
And Jesus therefore answered : “Verily, thou  
shalt be to-day in Paradise with Me.”

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*Jesus  
giveth up  
the ghost  
after  
drinking  
of the  
vinegar  
which the  
soldiers  
offered  
him*

At the sixth hour was darkness till the ninth.  
475 And about that hour cried Jesus with loud voice  
“Eloi, Eloi,” (that is “My God, my God,”)  
“why hast thou forsaken me?” And hearing Him,  
a soldier straightway ran and took a sponge  
and filled it full of vinegar, and spake :  
480 “This man calleth Elijah !” But the rest  
said : “Let alone, and see whether Elijah  
will come to save Him !” Jesus cried again :  
“I thirst.” And in the vessel of vinegar  
they dipped the sponge, and put it on a reed  
485 unto his mouth ; and knowing that all things  
accomplished were, that the Scripture be fulfilled  
Jesus received the vinegar, and drank  
saying : “It is fulfilled ! Father, into thy hands  
I commend my spirit,” and cried with a loud voice  
490 and bowed his head, and yielded up the ghost.

*Portents  
and  
marvels at  
the hour of  
the Lord's  
death ; the  
conversion  
of the  
centurion  
and the  
fear of all  
save those  
that loved  
him*

And lo ! the sun was darkened, and in the midst  
from top to bottom the vail of the temple tare,  
the earth quaked, and the rocks rent, and many graves  
opened, and the bodies of the saints which slept  
495 arose and came out of the graves, and went  
into the Holy City, and there appeared  
afterward unto many. When, therefore  
the centurion, watching Jesus, saw the earth  
quake, as he cried thus and gave up the ghost,  
glorified God ; and they that with him were,  
feared greatly, for he said : “This of a truth  
500 was a righteous man, the Son of God.” And all  
which had come forth together to the sight,

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seeing those things, returned, and smote their breasts.  
505 But his acquaintance stood yet afar off,  
and the women which had ministered to him,  
Salome, amongst them, Mother of the sons  
of Zebedee, and Mary, Mother of James,  
with the other Mary, Mary Magdalene.  
510 And the thick darkness covered the whole land.



TRANSCRIPT VII

**The Risen Christ**





*The  
women go  
to the  
sepulchre  
on the  
first day*

- 1 As in the morning early it began  
to dawn toward the first day, the mother of James,  
Joanna, Salome, and Mary Magdalene,  
(which had, the even the Lord was crucified,  
5 brought spices sweet, and rested, as the Law  
commanded, on the Sabbath) went together  
to see the sepulchre where he was laid,  
and, with the precious ointment they prepared,  
to anoint his body. Wherefore among themselves  
10 they questioned: "Who from the door of the sepulchre  
shall roll us the stone away?"

*Of the  
burial  
given to  
the body  
of Jesus  
by two  
disciples*

- For a rich man  
honorable, good and just, which, secretly  
a disciple, waited for the kingdom of God,—  
Joseph of Arimathea,—had gone and begged  
15 boldly the body, whom the Governor  
gave leave to take it from the cross. Then came  
Nicodemus also, (which aforetime spake  
for Jesus,) bringing of aloes and of myrrh  
a mixture; and they took the body down  
20 and bare it, wound in a fine linen cloth,  
to Joseph's own new tomb where never man  
was laid before, hewn in a garden nigh  
to Golgotha, out of the rock. And Mary,

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mother of James, and Mary Magdalene  
25 had followed after and beheld them roll  
a great stone to the door of the sepulchre.

*The angel  
rolleth  
away the  
stone and  
Mary  
Magdalene  
runneth to  
tell Peter  
and John*

Now while it yet was dark, behold the earth  
quaked greatly, and the angel of the Lord  
from heaven descended, (and although the Scribes  
30 and the Chief Priests had made the sepulchre sure,  
and sealed the stone) he came and rolled it back  
and sat thereon, his raiment white as snow  
his countenance like to lightning; and the watch  
for fear of him did shake exceedingly,  
35 becoming as dead men. The women found,  
when therefore at the rising of the sun  
they came unto the sepulchre, the stone  
rolled back, and forthwith Mary Magdalene  
runneth to Peter and saith: "They have taken away  
40 the Lord, and where they have laid him know we not."  
And Peter and the disciple Jesus loved  
arose, and ran to see if it were so.

*The angel  
appeareth  
unto the  
other  
women*

But ere they came unto the sepulchre  
the women, which with Mary Magdalene  
45 had seen the stone rolled back, were sore perplexed  
beholding not the body of the Lord,  
and lo! in shining garments standing by  
an angel, and they bowed their faces down,  
affrighted to the earth. And the angel spake:  
50 "I know that ye seek Jesus of Nazareth.  
Be not afraid. He is risen. Among the dead  
why seek ye here the Living ONE? Behold

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the place where the Lord lay, and quickly go  
and tell his disciples how that from the dead  
55 He is risen, and goeth into Galilee  
before you, where, as He said, ye shall see HIM.  
Lo, I have told you." From the sepulchre  
quickly the women fled; nor by the way  
spake aught thereof to any man, amazed  
60 and trembling with great fear and joy.

*Peter and  
John visit  
the tomb,  
but see not  
the angel*

Now John  
outran Peter and came to the sepulchre  
the first; and stooping down, and looking, saw  
the linen clothes lying apart. But Peter,  
following him, went in, and with him John,  
65 and saw the linen clothes, and by itself  
together wrapped the napkin which had been  
about the head of Jesus; and they went,  
at what had come to pass much wondering,  
to their own home.

*Two  
angels  
appear  
unto Mary  
Magda-  
lene, and  
then the  
Lord  
himself*

But at the sepulchre  
70 stood Mary Magdalene without, and wept  
and stooped and looked, and lo! one at the head  
and at the feet the other, where had lain  
the body of Jesus, in long white raiment clothed,  
two angels sitting, which unto Mary say:  
75 "Woman, why weepest thou?" She saith to them:  
"They have taken away the Lord, and I know not  
where they have laid Him." Turning herself about  
when she had spoken thus, she saw the Lord,  
(but knew Him not,) who saith: "Why weepest thou

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80 woman? Whom dost thou seek?" She saith  
(supposing him to be the gardener): "Sir,  
where thou hast laid Him, if thou have borne Him  
hence,  
tell me, and I will go, and take Him away."  
Jesus saith: "Mary!" and she turned herself  
85 and cried: "My Master," and held him by the feet  
and worshipped Him. But Jesus saith to her:  
"Touch me not, for not yet am I ascended  
unto my Father. Tell my brethren: Lo,  
I ascend unto my Father and your Father,  
90 my God and your God."

*Jesus  
appeareth  
also unto  
the other  
women*

While the other women  
yet ran to bring the apostles word, behold,  
Jesus met them saying: "All hail! Be not afraid.  
Go, tell my brethren that in Galilee  
they shall behold Me!" Howbeit, when all these things  
95 were told the eleven, and such as mourned with them,  
and wept,—and that he had been seen alive,—  
as idle tales, their words believed they not.

*As  
Cleophas  
and  
another  
disciple  
journeyed  
toward  
Emmaus*

But two of them to Emmaus that same day went  
and talked together of what had come to pass.  
100 While thereabout they reasoned and communed,  
Jesus himself drew near and walked with them;  
but holden were their eyes, nor knew they Him,  
who said: "What manner of communications these  
ye have the one with the other as ye walk  
105 thus sad at heart?" And Cleophas said: "Art Thou  
a stranger only in Jerusalem  
and hast not known the things which are these days

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*Jesus  
joineth  
them, and  
reasoneth  
with them  
of the  
Christ and  
of his  
sufferings*

there to come to pass? And Jesus said to them:  
“What things?”—“Concerning Jesus of Nazareth,  
110 which was a prophet mighty in deed and word  
before God and all the people” (then answered they,)  
“how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him  
to be condemned to death and crucified:  
but we had trusted that it had been He  
115 which should redeem Israel! And besides all this,  
it is the third day since these things were done.  
Yea, and certain women of our company  
made us astonished, saying that they had seen  
a vision of angels (when at the sepulchre  
120 early, they found his body not) which said  
that Jesus was alive! And twain of us  
went to the tomb and found it even so  
as said the women, but they saw not Him.”  
Then Jesus spake: “O fools, and slow of heart!  
125 Ought not Christ so to have suffered as ye say,  
to enter into his glory?” And the things  
in all the Scriptures which concerned Himself  
beginning at Moses, made He clear to them.

*Jesus  
maketh  
himself  
known,  
and they  
hasten to  
tell the  
other  
disciples  
thereof*

130 But when unto Emmaus they drew nigh  
He made as though he would have further gone;  
and they constrained him saying: “Abide with us,  
for lo, it is toward evening, and the day  
far spent.” Then tarried He. And, as at meat  
He sat him down with them, behold, He took  
135 bread, blessed it, brake, and gave to them thereof;  
and opened were their eyes immediately,  
and they knew the Lord, who vanished from their sight.

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Then said they one to another: "Did not our hearts  
burn hot within us when by the way He talked?"

140 And that same hour arose they, and returned  
unto Jerusalem, and found the eleven  
gathered together, and the residue  
that were at meat with them, and told them all,  
And how He was known to them in the Breaking of  
Bread.

*Jesus  
appeareth  
unto the  
disciples  
assembled  
together  
in the up-  
per room*

145 But while they spake thus, some believing not,  
their word (and for fear of the High Priests and  
Scribes,  
the doors being shut fast) Jesus himself appeared  
in their midst standing, and saying: "Peace be unto  
you."

150 But they, supposing they had seen a spirit,  
were terrified. "Why are ye troubled?" He said.  
"Behold, it is I myself. Handle and see  
for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as I."  
Then shewed he them his wounded hands and feet,  
and also his side, which one of the soldiers pierced

155 (when dead they found him hanging on the cross,  
and freely blood and water flowed therefrom).  
Then were the disciples glad exceedingly.

*The Lord  
appeareth  
unto  
Thomas  
and the  
rest of the  
disciples*

160 But Thomas, surnamed Didymus, of the twelve,  
who was not with them when they saw the Lord,  
answered and said: "Except in hands and feet  
I see the print of the nails, and put therein  
My finger, and thrust my hand into his side  
never will I believe." After eight days,  
the disciples being gathered within, the doors

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- 165 shut fast, came Jesus again saying: "Peace  
be unto you!—Thy finger, Thomas reach,  
hither. Behold, and touch the wound prints of the  
nails,  
and thrust thy hand into my side. Nor be  
faithless!" But Thomas answered him, "My Lord  
170 yea, and my God!"—"Because thine eyes have seen  
believest thou?" spake Jesus. "Verily,  
blessed be they which seeing not, shall believe!"

*The Lord  
appeareth  
unto seven  
disciples  
by the  
Lake of  
Galilee*

- Now Simon by the Lake of Galilee  
to Thomas, James, John and Nathaniël  
175 and other twain, disciples, saith: "I go  
a-fishing." And they say: "We go with thee."  
Forth went they therefore, and immediately  
entered into a ship, and nothing that night  
they caught. But in the morning on the shore  
180 stood Jesus (and they knew not it was He)  
which said: "My children, have ye any meat?"  
They answered him: "Nay, Master." "Cast" he said  
"your net to the right side, and ye shall find."  
Wherefore they cast, and were not able now  
185 to draw it for the multitude of fish.  
Then John saith unto Simon: "It is the Lord!"  
And Peter, girding his fisher's coat about,  
threw himself into the sea to reach the shore.  
The other disciples in a little ship  
190 came dragging the net. As soon as they were come  
to land, they saw a fire of coals, and fish  
and bread thereon. Saith Jesus: "Come and dine!"  
And none of them durst ask Him: "Who art thou?"

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195 knowing that it was the Lord. Then took he bread  
and likewise fish, and gave them all thereof.

*Jesus thrice  
asketh  
Peter of  
his love  
and thrice  
chargeth  
him, and  
rebuketh  
him for  
desiring to  
know more  
than his  
own duty*

So, when they had broken fast, the Lord Jesus said:  
"Simon, thou son of Jonah, lovest thou Me  
More than these love Me?" Simon saith: "Yea Lord,  
Thou knowest that I love Thee." Jesus saith:  
200 "Feed thou my lambs." And asked a second time:  
"Simon, thou son of Jonah, lovest thou Me?"  
he saith: "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love  
Thee." Jesus answered: "Tend my sheep." Again  
the third time Jesus saith: "Lovest thou Me,  
205 Simon thou son of Jonah?" Peter then  
was grieved, and said: "All things thou knowest, Lord.  
Thou knowest that I love Thee." Jesus saith:  
Feed thou my sheep. And verily, verily  
Simon, I say unto thee: when thou wast young  
210 thou girdedst thyself, and wentest whither thou  
would'st;  
but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth  
thy hands, and another shall gird and carry thee  
whither thou wouldest not." When he had spoken thus  
He saith: "Follow Me." Peter, turning him about,  
215 saw then the disciple Jesus loved, which leaned  
at supper on his breast, following Him,  
and Peter said: "Lord, what shall this man do?"  
And Jesus answered: "If I will that he  
tarry until I come, what is that to thee?"  
220 Follow thou Me!"

*Jesus  
giveth the  
evangelical*

Then went into the Mount  
where Jesus had appointed them, the eleven,



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*com-  
mission  
unto his  
apostles*

and saw and worshipped Him. And Jesus spake :  
“All power in heaven and earth is given to me ;  
go ye, and teach all nations, and baptize  
225 in the Name of the Father, therefore, and of the Son  
and of the Holy Ghost. And lo, with you  
always, even unto the end of the world am I.”  
And they said : “Lord, so be it. Amen. Amen.”

*Jesus  
giveth his  
disciples  
his last  
instruc-  
tion and  
repeateth  
the com-  
mission to  
preach the  
Gospel*

230 Now when the forty days drew to a close  
since he was risen, He in Jerusalem  
assembled his disciples together and taught,  
and opened their understanding, how it behooved  
the Christ to suffer so, and the third day  
to rise, and that remission of sins be preached  
235 among all nations in his Name. “And ye”  
He said “of all these things are witnesses.  
Behold, I send the promise of my Father  
upon you, wherefore in Jerusalem  
tarry, until with power from on high  
240 ye be endued.” And out toward Bethany  
He led them upon Olivet, and they asked :  
“Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again  
to Israel the kingdom?” And he said :  
“’T is not for you to know the times, which none  
245 knoweth ; yea, not the Son, but the Father only,  
which in his power hath put them. But, ye shall  
not many days hence be with the Holy Ghost  
baptized, and power shall ye receive that ye  
may unto the uttermost part of the whole earth  
250 be witnesses to Me. Then go ye forth  
and preach My Gospel to every creature, and he

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whosoever believeth shall cast out in my Name devils, and speak with new tongues; and if serpents he take up, or drink of any deadly thing  
255 it shall not hurt him; and he shall lay his hands upon the sick, and they shall recover them of their diseases."

*Jesus  
ascendeth  
unto  
heaven,  
and angels  
bid his  
disciples  
return  
into the  
holy city*

So, while yet he spake  
He lifted up his hands, and blessing them  
was parted from them, and carried into heaven,  
260 and of a cloud received out of their sight,  
and sat him down at the right hand of God.  
While yet he went up, steadfastly toward heaven  
they looked, and worshipped Him. And lo, two men  
stood by in white apparel arrayed, which said:  
265 "Ye men of Galilee, wherefore stand ye here  
upgazing into heaven? Behold, this same  
Jesus which into heaven is taken, yea, HE  
shall in like manner come, as into heaven  
ye have *this* day seen Him go." And with great joy  
270 unto Jerusalem from Mount Olivet  
returned they then; and they were praising God  
in the temple, and blessing Him continually.

*The  
descent of  
the Holy  
Spirit*

When the day of Pentecost was fully come,  
and the disciples all, with one accord,  
275 were in one place assembled—(the upper room  
where they in prayer and supplication abode  
with Mary the Mother of Jesus) suddenly  
as of a rushing and a mighty Wind,  
there came a sound from heaven which filled the house;  
280 and cloven tongues like as of Fire appeared,

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which sat on each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. And they began, to speak aloud as the Spirit gave them utterance, with other tongues.

*There*  
*came unto* 285  
*the*  
*disciples*  
*many*  
*devout men*

Now in Jerusalem there were of every nation under heaven devout men gathered against the feast; which came together, when it was noised abroad, and said one to another, confounded and amazed:—  
“What, are not these which speak Galileans all?  
290 How then do we hear them speaking every one in our own tongues wherein each of us was born? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Pontus, Asiä, Phrygia, Pamphilia, Cappadociä,  
295 dwellers in Egypt, the parts of Lybiä about Cyrene, sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Arabians, Cretes, we hear them tell the wonderful works of God!”

*unto whom*  
*Peter* 300  
*preacheth*  
*that Jesus*  
*is Christ;*  
*and the*  
*Church*  
*waxed* 305  
*strong*

But Peter, standing up with the eleven preached to them Jesus crucified and risen, both Lord and Christ. And they which did receive gladly his word, and were on that same day baptized of him, numbered three thousand souls, which in the apostle’s doctrine steadfastly abode with joy and singleness of heart, in fellowship, Breaking of Bread, and prayers. And they had all things common; sold their goods, and parted them as every man had need.

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And many miracles and signs were wrought  
310 in the name of the Holy One, the Prince of Life,  
at the hands of the apostles ; for they gave  
witness with power of the rising of the Lord.  
And they had favor with the people, and grace  
was on them all, and fear in every soul ;  
315 yea, in so much that daily to the Church  
were added many whom the Lord would save ;  
and the number of the disciples multiplied.  
But the Chief Priests were cut to the quick and grieved  
that in the Name of Jesus Christ they preached  
320 the resurrection from the dead.

*Of Saul's  
wrath  
against  
the Church  
of Christ*

Then 'rose  
a grievous persecution of the Church ;  
and zealous toward God was Saul, in Tarsus born,  
a city of Cilicia, but brought up  
after the straitest sect a Pharisee,  
325 in Jerusalem sitting at Gamaliel's feet.  
And verily he thought within himself  
that all things contrary unto the Name  
of Jesus of Nazareth he ought to do.  
And entering into every house, Saul haled  
330 (having from the Chief Priests authority)  
both men and women, many of the saints,  
and cast them into prison ; punishing some  
in every synagogue, and to blaspheme  
compelling others, he also gave his voice  
335 when they were put to death. Howbeit the Church  
throughout Judæa and Samariä  
scattered abroad, preached everywhere "the Way."

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But Saul, when he had heard thereof, was mad  
exceedingly, and breathed out threatenings  
340 and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord.  
And of the Priests and Elders he desired  
letters unto the synagogues, giving him  
commission from strange cities to bring back  
all, whether men or women, of "this Way"  
345 whom he might take, bound to Jerusalem.

*On the  
way to  
Damascus  
he recall-  
eth to mind  
the mar-  
tyrdom  
of Stephen*

Wherefore, Saul, toward Damascus journeying,  
thought by the way how Stephen, full of faith  
and power, among the people so great miracles  
had wrought, till certain of the synagogue  
350 of the Libertines, unable to resist  
the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake,  
had stirred up the Elders of the people and the Scribes,  
and come upon him, and caught him; and suborned  
false witnesses which said: "We have heard him speak  
355 against Moses blasphemous words and against God."  
And all that sat in the council saw his face,  
as though it had been the face of an angel looking  
steadfastly into heaven, and he said:—"Behold  
I see the heavens opened, and the glory of God,  
360 and the Son of Man, Jesus of Nazareth,  
standing at the right hand of the Holy One!"  
Then cried they out with a loud voice, and gnashed  
their teeth, and stopped their ears, and ran on him  
with one accord, and out of the city cast  
365 Stephen, and stoned him. And the witnesses  
had laid their clothes down at the feet of Saul.  
And Saul remembered him how Stephen prayed

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as they were stoning him: "My spirit receive,  
Lord Jesus," and kneeling down, had cried again:  
370 "Lord Jesus, lay not to their charge this sin."

*The vision  
of Jesus  
that  
appeared  
unto Saul  
by the way*

375 As Saul, thus pondering all within himself,  
came nigh unto Damascus, suddenly  
there shined, above the brightness of the sun  
at mid day, round about him a great Light  
from heaven. And Saul, and they that with him were  
fell to the earth; and Saul did hear a Voice  
which said: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou ME?"  
Wherefore Saul answering cried: "Who art thou  
Lord?"

380 And the Lord said: "I am Jesus of Nazareth  
whom thou dost persecute. Lo, it is hard  
for thee to kick against the pricks." And Saul  
spake, trembling and astonished: "What wilt thou  
Lord,

385 have me to do?" And the Lord said: "Arise!  
and stand upon thy feet. I have appeared  
to make of thee a minister, and send  
unto the Gentiles, thee—that thou should'st turn,  
opening their eyes, from darkness unto light  
many,—from the power of Satan unto God—  
390 and (among them which are, by faith in Me  
sanctified,) an inheritance. Behold,  
of these things, thou hast seen, and also those  
wherein I will appear yet unto thee,  
I make thee witness. Wherefore rise and go  
395 into Damascus. There thou shalt be told

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what things soever I have appointed thee  
to do." From the earth then Saul arose and saw  
for the glory of the great light which he had seen  
no man ; and was into Damascus led  
400 by them which were with him to the street called  
Straight  
where at the house of Judas he abode, three days  
praying, without sight, neither did eat nor drink.

*Saul  
recovereth  
his sight* 405 And Ananias came to him, a man  
devout according to the law, and said :  
"Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus that appeared  
in the way as thou camest hither, sendeth me,  
that thou through me mightest thy sight receive,  
and with the Holy Ghost be filled." Forthwith  
from the eyes of Saul there fell as it had been scales,  
410 and he received his sight. And Ananias said :  
"The God of our Fathers hath chosen thee to know  
His will, and that the Just One thou shouldst see,  
and hear the voice of his mouth. Why tarriest thou?  
Arise and be baptized, and wash away  
415 thy sins, and on the Name of the Lord Jesus call."

*and  
preacheth  
that Jesus  
is very  
Christ* 420 Immediately Saul arose and was baptized  
and preached Christ in the Synagogues, that indeed  
He is the Son of God. And greatly amazed  
were all, saying: "Is not this the man which came  
to bring back bound unto Jerusalem  
them of that Way?" And Saul increased in strength  
and confounded them which at Damascus dwelt.  
Now many other things did Jesus do,

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but these are written that ye might believe  
425 Jesus is very Christ, and Son of God;  
and that believing, ye might in his Name  
have life. Behold he cometh quickly. Amen.  
Even so, Lord Jesus come! Amen. Amen.



TRANSCRIPT VIII

**A Vision of the Last Things**



## I

*On the day  
of the  
creation of  
light and  
of the  
Lord's  
resurrec-  
tion a  
vision is  
vouchsafed*

Behold, on the Lord's day  
(whether out of the body, God  
knoweth, I can not tell.)  
caught up to Paradise

5 I heard in the third heaven  
unspeakable things, for man  
unlawful to utter.

## 2

*wherein is  
seen the  
Son of man  
riding  
forth to  
war  
against  
the wicked  
of earth*

For, as of a trumpet, cried  
behind me a great Voice:

10 "I am Alpha and Omega  
the First, the Last."

Then open beheld I the heaven,  
and lo! a white horse,  
and He which rideth thereon

15 hath eyes as flame of fire;  
the crowns upon his head  
are many, and red in blood  
his vesture is dipped and dyed.

For the winepress of the wrath  
20 and fierceness of the Almighty  
He hath trod alone, and war

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He maketh in righteousness.  
The nations smiteth He all,  
and ruleth them every one  
25 with a rod of iron ; his Name  
is writ upon his vesture :  
the Faithful, the True  
the Word of God, the King  
of Kings, and the Lord  
30 of Lords !

3

*with him  
are the  
armies of  
heaven,  
which sing  
of their  
divine  
Captain as  
they ride  
to battle*

In fine linen  
white and clean—  
the righteousness of saints—  
arrayed,  
35 riding on horses white,  
behold,  
the armies which are in heaven,  
the Hosts of the living God,  
follow Him ; yea, and who  
40 shall tell the number of them :  
ten thousand times ten thousand,  
thousands of thousands, more  
than the sand by the shore of the sea,  
than the stars for multitude,  
45 crying with a loud voice  
as the voice of many waters,  
yea, and as the voice  
of mighty thunderings :—  
“Worthy is the Lion,  
50 the Lion of the tribe

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of Judah, that coucheth him  
when gone up from the prey.  
Yea, worthy is the Lamb,  
He which was slain, to receive

55 power and riches  
and wisdom and strength  
and honour and glory  
and blessing forevermore!"

4

*The hosts  
of the  
adversary  
of the  
Lord  
Christ are  
mustered  
to meet  
the armies  
of heaven*

Behold!  
60 The horsehoofs stamp  
by reason of the prancings,  
the prancings of the mighty!  
Behold!  
How they go forth  
65 conquering and to conquer!  
For on them which pleasure take  
in all iniquity,  
which neither the love of the truth  
nor the knowledge of God receive,  
70 a strong delusion is sent  
that they should put their trust  
in a lie. And lo!  
that wicked (Antichrist,  
the Son of Perdition,)  
75 above all, that as God  
is worshipped of men,  
exalteth himself; and with power,  
with signs, and wonders deceitful,  
after the working of Satan,

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80 sheweth that he is God  
in the temple of the Lord:  
and his hosts assemble them  
to make war upon the Lamb,—  
for the Prince of darkness  
85 the Father of lies,  
against the Lord of Light  
and of Life.

5

*A prophecy  
of the utter  
defeat and  
slaughter  
of the  
hosts of  
darkness*

Hark! unto all the fowls  
that fly in the midst of heaven  
90 cryeth an angel which standeth  
in the glory of the sun:  
“Come hither and gather yourselves  
unto the supper together  
of the most holy God;  
95 and eat ye the flesh of kings,  
the flesh of captains, the flesh  
of mighty men, of horses  
and of them that sit thereon,  
the flesh of free and bond,  
100 the flesh of small and great.”

6

*The Lord  
Christ  
judgeth  
the hosts  
of the  
defeated*

Behold!  
The Lord himself  
descendeth from heaven  
with a shout!  
And every enemy  
105 He putteth under his feet.

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*and slain  
enemies of  
righteous-  
ness*

with the spirit of his mouth  
He consumeth them utterly  
and with the brightness of his coming  
110 destroyeth He them. They drink  
of the wine of the wrath of God  
without mixture into the cup  
of his indignation poured.  
Suddenly into the lake  
115 of flaming fire they are cast ;  
tormented world without end  
in the presence of the angels,  
and the presence of the Lamb!  
And, of their torment, lo!  
120 forever and ever the smoke  
ascendeth, and day nor night  
have the unholy rest !

7

*and prom-  
iseth a  
blissful  
resurrec-  
tion to his  
servants  
dead*

Then heard I a voice  
out of heaven proclaim :  
125 "Blessèd from henceforth are  
the dead which die in the Lord,  
for they from their labor have rest,  
and their good works follow them !  
Behold ! a mystery :  
130 in a moment, at the last trump,  
in the twinkling of an eye,  
their corruptible hath put  
incorruption on, their mortal  
in the image of the heavenly  
135 hath immortality indued ;

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yea, and death is swallowed up  
in victory forever!

8

*In heaven  
multitudes  
gather to  
celebrate  
the victory* 140  
Then saw I yet in heaven  
another sign—marvellous  
and great—as it were a sea  
of crystal mingled with fire;  
and they which had gotten them  
the victory, stand  
145 on the sea of glass holding  
the harps of God;  
and they sing the song  
of the Lion,  
and they sing the song  
150 of the Lamb:

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*with a  
song of  
damna-  
tion; and  
of eternal  
life unto  
him that  
overcometh  
in the  
Name of  
Christ* 155  
“It is done!  
I am Alpha and Omega,  
the Beginning and the End.  
Behold,  
the fearful, the unbelieving,  
the abominable of earth,  
the murderers, the sorcerers,  
the idolaters, and all  
which make a lie, *their* part  
160 is in the lake which burneth  
with brimstone and with fire.



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(1)

“But he that overcometh—  
shall not by the second death  
be hurt, nor by the worm  
165 which dieth nevermore.

(2)

“Lo! he that overcometh—  
shall in raiment white be clothed,  
and his name will I confess  
before my Father in heaven.

(3)

170 “Lo! he that overcometh—  
if he hunger I will give him  
the fruit of the tree of life  
which groweth in the midst  
of the Paradise of God;  
175 and, if he thirst, of the fountain  
of the water of life will I give,  
that he may freely drink.

(4)

“Lo! he that overcometh—  
I will make a pillar of him  
180 in the temple of my God,  
whence he shall go out no more;  
and I upon him will write  
the name of my God, the name  
of the New Jerusalem,  
185 yea, and mine own new Name.

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(5)

“Lo! he that overcometh—  
and keepeth my works to the end,  
power will I give to him  
over the nations to rule  
190 with a rod of iron, and break  
as a potter’s vessel to shivers  
their might; and I will give him  
the gift of the morning star!

(6)

“Lo! he that overcometh—  
195 all things shall he inherit;  
and I will be his God,  
and he shall be my Son.

(7)

“Lo! he that overcometh—  
200 I will grant him with me to sit  
in my throne, even as I overcame  
and am set in my Father’s throne.”

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*Further-  
more a  
vision is  
vouchsafed  
of the  
gathering  
of all the  
blessed*

Behold,  
on the Lord’s day,  
(whether out of the body, God  
205 knoweth, I can not tell,)  
I heard, out of the Throne  
in heaven, a Voice which cried:  
“Praise ye the Lord our God  
all ye his servants, ye

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210 which fear him small and great,  
which differ as sun from moon  
in glory, as star from star,  
shout ye and sing for joy!"

II

*to sing a  
hymn of 215  
praise to  
God, the  
Father,  
unto his  
holy Son,  
the Cap-  
tain of*

Then heard I in Paradise  
praising the Lord, the voice  
as of a mighty multitude,  
as the roar of many waters,  
as of mighty thunderings :

(1)

*Salvation ; 220  
in the  
unity of  
the One  
Divine  
Spirit*

"We give thee thanks, O Lord,  
Almighty God, which art,  
and wast, and art to come,  
because thou takest to thee  
thy great power, and dost reign !

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
225 for the Lord, the God Omnipotent,  
reigneth, Amen, Amen !

(2)

"Who shall not fear thee, O Lord,  
and glorify thy name?  
Thou only art holy, O God ;  
230 thy judgments are manifest  
that all worlds worship thee.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
for the Lord, the God Omnipotent,  
reigneth, Amen, Amen !

*THE CHRIST OF THE AGES*

(3)

235 "The End hath come, and all things  
are under the feet of the Lamb;  
and the Son himself, behold,  
is subject unto the Father,  
that God may be all in all.  
240 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
for the Lord, the God Omnipotent,  
reigneth, Amen, Amen!

(4)

"Let us rejoice, and be glad  
and give honor to the Lamb,  
245 the marriage, the marriage is come,  
the feast is made ready in heaven,  
the friends of the Bridegroom are called!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
for the Lord, the God Omnipotent,  
250 reigneth, Amen, Amen!

(5)

"The Bride hath arrayed herself  
in white; without wrinkle or spot,  
holy, no blemish hath She!  
Blessed are they which be called  
255 to the marriage of the Lamb:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
for the Lord, the God Omnipotent  
reigneth world without end.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
260 Amen!"

## AFTERWORD

*IT is with strange emotions that the final revision of the proof is ended. Has it been irrevent so to use the Holy Scriptures—in an attempt to limn the portrait of the God Man? Is the result such as to justify the pains, the scruples, the doubts, and fears? It has lain now nearly four years complete, unpublished for lack of courage. One friend complained: why, you do nothing for me I could not have done for myself. Another: but the Sermon on the Mount is omitted! Another: you have unscrupulously disregarded all modern scholarship! Another: why, you invent nothing of any consequence—and I wanted a new Jesus! So it remained in my desk—occasionally looked at with misgiving and remorse.*

*Yet now that it is in print, I am glad. I did not desire to invent, discover, analyze and synthetise afresh, and I am glad I did not. After all it is not what I think, or you, or Strauss, or Nietzsche or some latter day Athanasius that greatly imports. It is what*

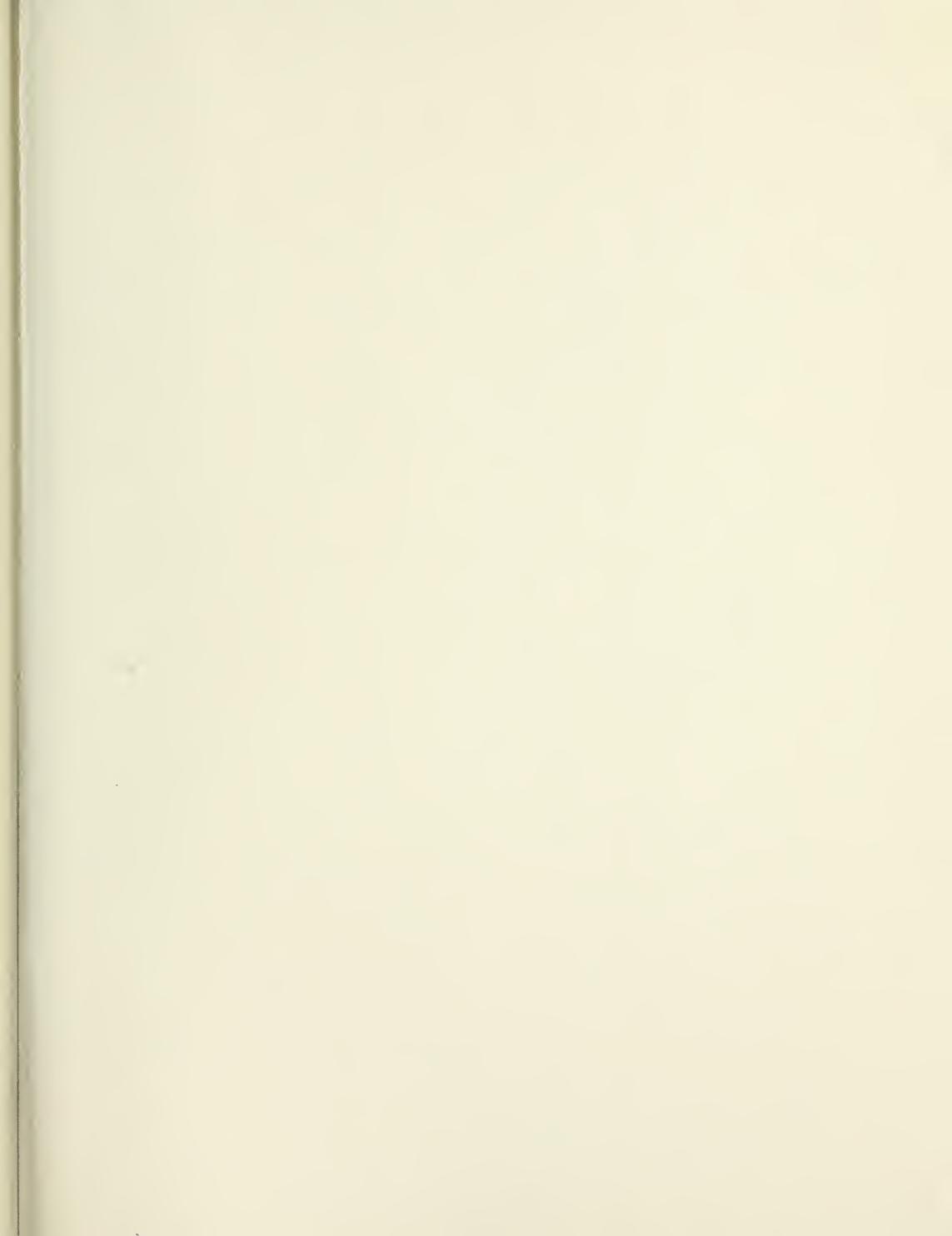
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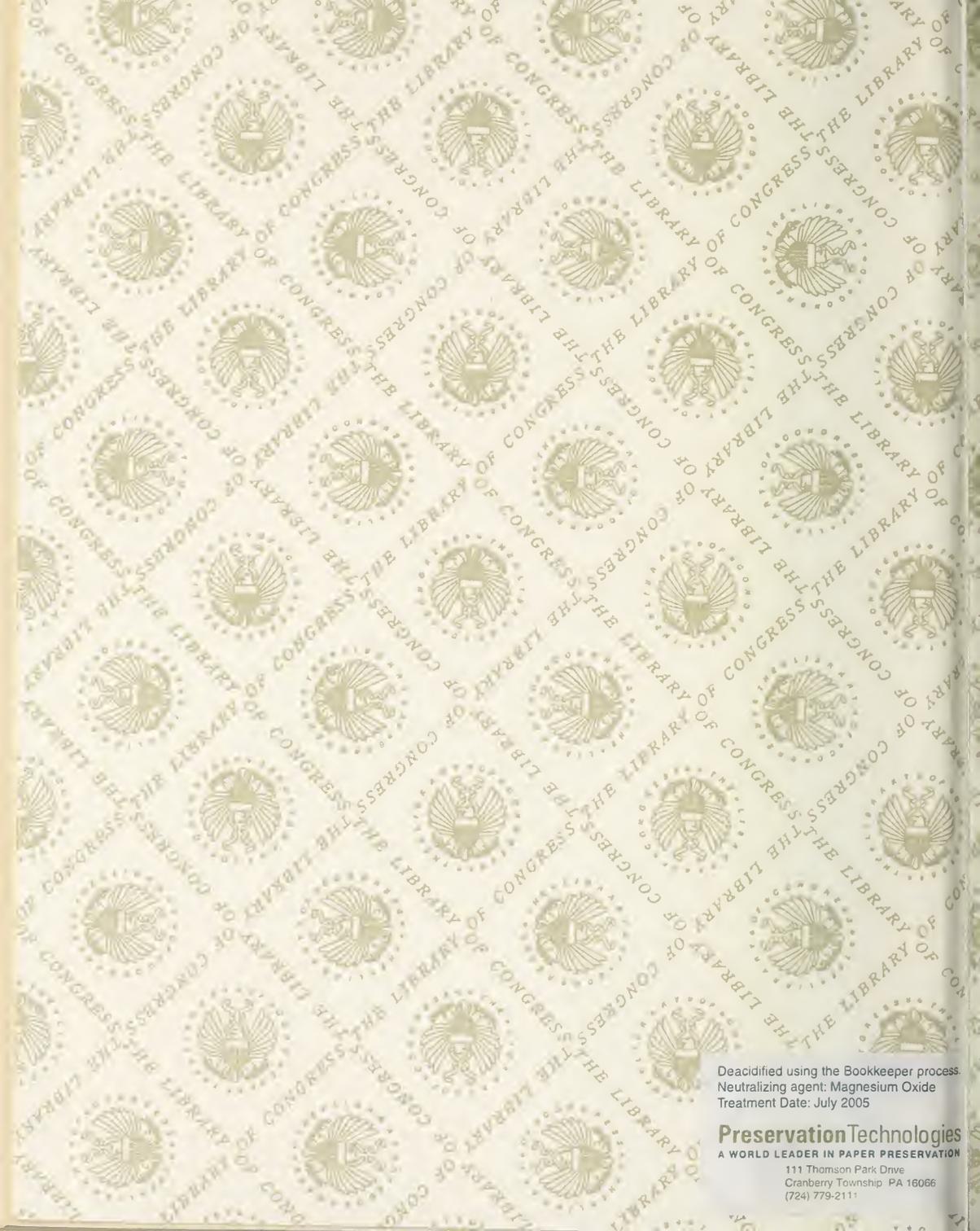
*the world has vaguely felt to satisfy its demand—the Jesus it has seen in the Bible, in its own heart and whom it craves to make its Lord and God—crying out desperately “I believe, help thou mine unbelief”—it is that Jesus who alone can be King of kings, and make of earth his heaven; who should and will be painted, preached, sung, and worshipped. For, ultimately, need is the true teacher; and this Jesus hath been by need revealed of the Holy Ghost. The hungry knoweth bread. That which satisfyeth the hungry is Bread. He that worketh hard and beareth the burden of the day is authority. Who then will choose to be Author rather than Compiler?*

*So this Poem in Transcripts is sent forth as a Poem, not as a doctrinal treatise, a “Tendenz Schrift”—but a Poem—in transcripts—with all humility; yet with an abiding faith also that it will serve some souls, and bless them with a clearer vision of Man, and the Son of Man—which is God.*

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