

112. THE RETURN OF THE TWELVE, AND
THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND.

(Cf. Matt. 15:32-39 = Mark 8:1-10, § 118, p. 85)

Matt. 14:13-21

Mark 6:30-44

Luke 9:10-17

13 Now when Jesus heard this,

he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

14 As he went ashore he saw a great throng; **

and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

16 Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They said to him,

"We have only five loaves here and two fish."

30 The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

31 And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

32 And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them.

34 As he went ashore he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; ** and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the hour is now late; 36 send them away, to go into the country and villages round about and buy themselves something to eat."

37 But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii^p worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?"

38 And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

10 On their return the apostles told him what they had done.*

And he took them and withdrew apart to a city called Bethsaida.

11 When the crowds learned it, they followed him;

and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God,

and cured those who had need of healing.

12 Now the day began to wear away; and the twelve came and said to him,

"Send the crowd away, to go into the villages and country round about, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a lonely place."

13 But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said,

"We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people."

* Luke 10:17 (§ 140, p.103): The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

** Matt. 9:36 (§ 58, p.39): When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Mark 6:34—Numbers 27:17, 1 Kings 22:17.

^p The denarius was a day's wage for a laborer.

To § 112 cf. John 6:1-13.

¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass;

and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down by companies upon the green grass.

⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all.

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⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in companies, about fifty each." ¹⁵ And they did so, and made them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

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(9:18-22, § 122, pp. 88-89)

113. THE WALKING ON THE WATER.

Matt. 14:22-33

²² Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land,^a beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them.

²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

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Mark 6:45-52

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully.

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^a text: B Θ φ sy^c sy^p sa bo; omit: *many furlongs distant from the land*, and insert: *out on the sea*: S C D W λ R it vg. ^r text: P⁴⁸ S A B W λ φ R vg sy^a sy^p sa bo; omit: *for they saw him* and put *all* at end of v.49: D Θ it.

To § 113 cf. John 6:15-21.

B. The Days in Jerusalem

Matthew 21-25 = Mark 11-13 = Luke 19:28-21:38

196. THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM.

Matt. 21:1-9 (20:29-34, § 193, p. 134)	Mark 11:1-10 (10: 46-53, § 193, p. 134)	Luke 19:28-38
1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." ⁶The disciples went and did	1 And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, ²and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. ³If any one says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. ⁵And those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"	28 And when he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. ³¹If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it.' " ³²So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

Matt. 21:5—Isaiah 62:11, Zechariah 9:9.

To § 196 cf. John 12:12-19.

as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them¹ and he sat thereon. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.	⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. ⁸ And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.	³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.
⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Hosanna in the highest!"	⁹ And those who went before and those who followed cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!"	³⁷ As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

197. PREDICTION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM.

Luke 19:39-44

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198. JESUS IN THE TEMPLE.

Matt. 21:10-17

Mark 11:11

Luke 19:45-46

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¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

¹² And Jesus entered the temple of God¹ and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; ¹⁶ and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise?'"

¹⁷ and leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

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See below, vv. 15-19

and when he had looked round at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

⁴⁵ And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold,

⁴⁶ saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers."

See above, vv. 39-40

199. THE CURSING OF THE FIG TREE.

Matt. 21:18-19

¹⁸ In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he was hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the wayside he went to it

and found nothing on it but leaves only.

And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

Mark 11:12-14

¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

Matt. 21:13 = Mark 11:17 = Luke 19:46—Isaiah 56:7; Jeremiah 7:11. Matt. 21:16—Psalm 8:2.

¹ text: C D W A & it vg sy^c sy^p; omit, of God: S B Θ φ sa bo.

To Matt. 21:12 cf. *Gospel of the Nazaraeans*, quoted in a marginal note of a thirteenth century manuscript of the *Aurora* by Peter of Riga—In the Gospel books which the Nazarenes use it is written: From his eyes went forth rays which terrified them and put them to flight.

200. THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE.

Matt. 21:12-13 (§ 198, p. 139)

12 And Jesus entered the temple of God^k and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you make it a den of robbers."

See 22:33

Mark 11:15-19

15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons; 16 and he would not allow any one to carry anything through the temple.

17 And he taught, and said to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and sought a way to destroy him; for they feared him, because all the multitude was astonished at his teaching. 19 And when evening came they¹ went out of the city.

Luke 19:45-48

45 And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold,

46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer';

but you have made it a den of robbers."

47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him; 48 but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people hung upon his words.

Cf. 21:37 (§ 230, p. 162)

201. THE MEANING OF THE WITHERED FIG TREE.

Matt. 21:20-22

20 When the disciples saw it they marveled, saying,

"How did the fig tree

wither at once?" 21 And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but

Mark 11:20-25 (26)

20 As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.

21 And Peter remembered and said to him, "Master,^m look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered." 22 And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. 23 Truly, I say to you,

Matt. 21:13 = Mark 11:17 = Luke 19:46—Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11.

To § 200 cf. John 2:13-17.

^k text: C D W λ ϕ it vg sy^c sy^p; omit, *of God*: S B Θ ϕ sa bo. (some MSS.) vg sy^s sa bo. ^m Or, *Rabbi*.

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