

# **JOHN'S BOOK**

**STREET VERSION**

## FOREWORD

THIS WAS TRANSLATED USING THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION, NEW WORLD TRANSLATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, KING JAMES VERSION AND MANY OTHER TRANSLATIONS AS REFERENCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING THE STORY RELATABLE TO THOSE OF THE URBAN CULTURE. THIS IS IN LINE WITH ROMANS 1:16, WHICH STATES THAT THE GOOD NEWS MUST BE PREACHED TO ALL REGARDLESS OF CLASS DISTINCTIONS.

MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT THIS TRANSLATION MAY AWAKEN A SENSE OF INTEREST IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT OF THE BIBLE AS A BOOK WITH NO RELEVANCE OR APPLICATION TO THEIR OWN CULTURE. IN FACT, REVELATION 7:9 FORETOLD OF A TIME WHEN PEOPLE, "OF ALL NATIONS AND TRIBES AND PEOPLES AND TONGUES," WOULD BE "STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB," SINGING PRAISES TO YHWH, OUR GOD, AND YESHUA<sup>2</sup>, THE CHRIST, UNITED IN TRUE WORSHIP; REGARDLESS, OF EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND SOCIAL STANDING.

IN ALL, MAY THIS WORK FOCUS ATTENTION ON NONE OTHER THAN THE SOVEREIGN LORD YHWH GOD AND HIS ONE AND ONLY BEGOTTEN SON YESHUA. BECAUSE ONLY THROUGH THE SON DO WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE FATHER. THE READER IS RECOMMENDED TO "WRITE IN A BOOK FOR HIMSELF A COPY" OF THE WORD OF GOD, "AND IT MUST CONTINUE WITH HIM, AND HE MUST READ IN IT ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE, IN ORDER THAT HE MAY LEARN TO FEAR YHWH HIS GOD SO AS TO KEEP ALL [GOD'S] LAW AND REGULATIONS BY DOING THEM." (DEUTERONOMY 17:18, 19)

- THE GOOD FOR NOTHING SLAVE

<sup>1</sup> "YHWH" IS KNOWN AS THE TETRAGRAMMATON OF GOD'S PERSONAL NAME, OFTEN TRANSLATED "THE LORD" (ALL CAPS), "JEHOVAH", OR "YAHWEH" IN MANY BIBLE TRANSLATIONS.

<sup>2</sup> "YESHUA" IS THE HEBREW PRONUNCIATION OF GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON'S NAME, TRADITIONALLY KNOWN AS "JESUS."

# CHAPTER 1

## THE WORD

<sup>1</sup> FROM THE JUMP THE WORD EXISTED, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. <sup>2</sup> THIS ONE WAS FROM THE JUMP WITH GOD. <sup>3</sup> EVERYTHING WAS MADE THROUGH HIM, AND IF HE AIN'T EXIST - NOTHING WOULD EXIST.

WHAT EXIST <sup>4</sup> CUZ OF HIM WAS LIFE, AND THIS LIFE WAS THE LIGHT THAT MAKES MEN SEE. <sup>5</sup> AND THIS LIGHT IS SHINING IN THE DARKNESS, BUT THE DARKNESS AIN'T BEEN ABLE TO STOP IT.

<sup>6</sup> THERE WAS A MAN NAMED JOHN, WHO WAS SENT TO REP GOD. <sup>7</sup> THIS MAN'S JOB WAS TO TELL PEOPLE BOUT THE LIGHT, SO THAT ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE COULD PEEP IT CUZ OF HIM. <sup>8</sup> JOHN WAGN'T THE LIGHT, BUT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TELL PEOPLE BOUT THE LIGHT.

<sup>9</sup> THE TRUE LIGHT THAT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE WAS BOUT TO POP UP INTO THE WORLD IN A MINUTE. <sup>10</sup> HE WAS ON THE SCENE, AND EVEN THOUGH THIS WORLD WAS MADE BY HIM, THE WORLD AIN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS. <sup>11</sup> HE CAME TO HIS OWN HOOD, BUT EVEN HIS OWN PEOPLE WAGN'T FEELING HIM. <sup>12</sup> HOWEVER, THOSE WHO DID FEEL HIM, GOT THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD, CUZ THEY WERE KEEPING IT REAL WITH HIM. <sup>13</sup> THEY WERE BORN A SECOND TIME. NOT LIKE THE TYPE OF BIRTH THAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE DECIDE TO HAVE BABIES. NAH! NOT FROM BLOOD, BUT THIS BIRTH COMES FROM GOD.

<sup>14</sup> SO THE WORD BECAME A HUMAN BEING, WITH FLESH AND EVERYTHING, AND HE LIVED DOWN HERE WITH US, AND WE GOT TO PEEP HIS SWAGGER. HE HAD THE TYPE OF SWAGGER THAT BELONGS TO THE ONE AND ONLY SON BORN FROM A FATHER; AND HE WAS FULL OF GRACE AND KINDNESS AND TRUTH. <sup>15</sup> (JOHN TOLD PEOPLE BOUT HIM, YEAH, HE ACTUALLY YELLED IT OUT - SAYING "IN A MINUTE, THERE'S SOMEONE COMING AFTER ME WHO WILL STEP UP IN FRONT OF ME, CUZ HE EXISTED BEFORE ME"). <sup>16</sup> AND WE ALL RECEIVED OUT OF ALL THE THINGS HE HAD, EVEN GRACE, ON TOP OF GRACE.

17 CUZ GOD GAVE US HIS LAW THROUGH MOSES, HIS GRACE AND TRUTH CAME THROUGH YESHUA, THE CHRIST. 18 NO MAN EVER SAW GOD AT ANY TIME; THE ONE AND ONLY SON BORN OF GOD, WHO IS TIGHT WITH HIS DAD, IS THE ONE THAT'S HELPED US TO UNDERSTAND HIM.

### **JOHN'S MISSION**

19 NOW THIS IS WHAT JOHN TOLD SOME PRIEST AND THEIR BOYS, SENT BY THE JEWS IN JERUSALEM, WHEN THEY ASKED HIM, "WHO ARE YOU?" 20 AND HE ADMITTED, HE AIN'T PUNK OUT, BUT ADMITTED: "I AIN'T THE CHRIST." 21 SO THEN THEY ASKED HIM: "WHAT'S UP, THEN? YOU ELIJAH?" AND JOHN SAID: "I AIN'T HIM NEITHER." AGAIN THEY ASKED: "THEN YOU MUST BE THE PROPHET, RIGHT?" AND HE ANSWERED: "NAH, MAN!" 22 FINALLY THEY WERE LIKE, "WHO ARE YOU? TELL US SO WE CAN BRING THE WORD BACK TO THOSE WHO SENT US. WHAT YOU GOT TO SAY BOUT YOURSELF?" 23 HE SAID: "I'M THE VOICE OF SOMEONE YELLING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, 'MAKE THE WAY OF YHWH STRAIGHT,' JUST LIKE ISAIAH THE PROPHET, SAID." 24 NOW THOSE PEOPLE THAT CAME TO ASK HIM THOSE QUESTIONS BAN WITH THE PHARISEES GET. 25 SO THEY KEPT QUESTIONING HIM AND SAID TO HIM: "IF YOU AIN'T THE CHRIST OR ELIJAH OR THE PROPHET, THEN WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE BAPTIZING PEOPLE?" 26 JOHN ANSWERED 'EM BACK, SAYING: "CHECK THIS! I'M OUT HERE BAPTIZING PEOPLE IN WATER. BUT THERE'S SOMEONE STANDING OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF Y'ALL AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM. 27 HE'S THE ONE COMING AFTER ME, BUT I AIN'T EVEN WORTHY ENOUGH TO UNLACE THIS MAN'S KICKS." 28 ALL THIS HAPPENED AT BETHANY RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE JORDAN RIVER, WHERE JOHN WAS BAPTIZING.

### **YESHUA IS BAPTIZED AND ANOINTED**

29 THE NEXT DAY JOHN SAW YESHUA WALKING UP TO HIM, AND HE SAID: "YO! IT'S THE LAMB OF GOD THAT TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD! 30 HE'S THE ONE I WAS TELLING Y'ALL BOUT WHEN I SAID, IN A MINUTE, THERE'S SOMEONE COMING AFTER ME WHO WILL STEP UP IN FRONT OF ME, CUZ HE EXISTED BEFORE ME. 31

EVEN I AIN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS, BUT THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN BAPTIZING SO THAT HE COULD BE RECOGNIZED BY EVERYONE IN ISRAEL." <sup>32</sup> JOHN ALSO SAID, "I SAW THE SPIRIT COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN LIKE A DOVE, AND IT STAYED ON HIM. <sup>33</sup> EVEN I AIN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS, BUT THE SAME PERSON WHO SENT ME TO BAPTIZE IN WATER, TOLD ME, 'WHOEVER IT IS THAT YOU SEE THE SPIRIT COME DOWN AND STAY ON, THIS IS THE ONE THAT BAPTIZES WITH HOLY SPIRIT.' <sup>34</sup> AND I SAW THIS HAPPEN, AND I'VE BEEN TELLING IT AS IT IS THAT THIS MAN IS THE SON OF GOD."

### YESHUA CALLS HIS CREW

<sup>35</sup> THE DAY AFTER THAT, JOHN WAS POSTING UP WITH TWO OF HIS BOYS, <sup>36</sup> AND AS HE SPOTTED YESHUA WALKING BY HE SAID, "YO! THERE GOES THE LAMB OF GOD!" <sup>37</sup> AND THOSE TWO MEN FROM JOHN'S CREW HEARD THIS, AND THEY WENT FOLLOWING YESHUA. <sup>38</sup> THEN YESHUA LOOKED BACK AND SAW THEM TRAILING HIM, SO HE ASKED THEM, **"WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?"** THEY SAID TO HIM: "RABBI, (IN ENGLISH, THIS MEANS TEACHER,) WHERE YOU STAYING AT?" <sup>39</sup> HE SAID TO THEM: **"COME, AND YOU'LL SEE."** SO THEY WENT AND SCOPED OUT THE CRIB, AND THEY CHILLED WITH HIM THE REST OF THE DAY; AND THAT HAPPENED AROUND FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON. <sup>40</sup> ANDREW, SIMON PETER'S BROTHER, WAS ONE OF THE TWO WHO HEARD WHAT JOHN HAD SAID AND FOLLOWED YESHUA. <sup>41</sup> THE FIRST THING HE DID AFTER THAT WAS FIND HIS BROTHER, SIMON, AND TOLD HIM, "WE FOUND THE MESSIAH" (IN ENGLISH, THIS MEANS CHRIST). <sup>42</sup> THEN ANDREW TOOK SIMON TO LINK UP WITH YESHUA. WHEN YESHUA LOOKED AT HIM HE SAID, **"YOU'RE SIMON, YOUR POP'S NAME IS JOHN; BUT FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE CALLED CEPHAS"** (IN ENGLISH, THIS MEANS ROCK).

<sup>43</sup> THE NEXT DAY HE WANTED TO GO TO GALILEE. HE MET UP WITH PHILIP AND SAID TO

HIM, **"FOLLOW ME."** <sup>44</sup> NOW PHILIP WAS FROM BETHSAIDA, ANDREW AND PETER'S HOOD. <sup>45</sup> PHILIP TOOK OFF AND FOUND NATHANAEL AND TOLD HIM: "YO, WE FOUND THE ONE WHO MOSES AND THE PROPHETS WROTE BOUT! HIS NAME IS YESHUA, JOSEPH'S SON, FROM THAT HOOD CALLED NAZARETH." <sup>46</sup> BUT NATHANAEL BUST OUT LAUGHING SAYING: "NAZARETH! CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF NAZARETH?" SO PHILIP SAID TO HIM: "COME AND CHECK HIM OUT FOR YOURSELF." <sup>47</sup> YESHUA SAW NATHANAEL WALKING UP AND HE SAID: **"YO! HERE COMES A REAL ISRAELITE, AND THERE AIN'T ANY FAKENESS IN HIM AT ALL."** <sup>48</sup> NATHANAEL SAID TO HIM: "HOW YOU KNOW BOUT ME?" AND YESHUA SAID, **"I SAW YOU UNDER THE FIG TREE BEFORE PHILIP MET UP WITH YOU."** <sup>49</sup> NATHANAEL BUST OUT IN AMAZEMENT SAYING: "RABBI, YOU'RE THE SON OF GOD, AND THE KING OF ISRAEL!" <sup>50</sup> YESHUA REPLIED SAYING, **"DO YOU BELIEVE ALL THIS JUST CUZ I TOLD YOU THAT I SAW YOU UNDER THE FIG TREE? WATCH, CUZ YOU'RE BOUT TO SEE THINGS GREATER THAN THESE."** <sup>51</sup> THEN YESHUA ADDED: **"ON THE REAL, YOU'RE BOUT TO SEE THE HEAVENS OPENED UP AND THE ANGELS OF GOD CLIMBING UP AND DOWN ON THE SON OF MAN."**

## CHAPTER 2

### YESHUA TURNS WATER INTO WINE

<sup>1</sup> NOW ON THE THIRD DAY, YESHUA'S MOM WAS A GUEST AT AN AFTER PARTY IN A HOOD NAMED CANA IN GALILEE CUZ GOME PEOPLE JUST GOT HITCHED. <sup>2</sup> YESHUA AND HIS CREW ALGO GOT INVITED TO THIS AFTER PARTY FOR THE WEDDING.

<sup>3</sup> BUT AS THE PARTY WENT ON, THE PEOPLE THROWING THE PARTY RAN OUT OF



WINE, SO YESHUA'S MOM WENT TO TALK TO YESHUA BOUT THE PROBLEM, SAYING TO HIM: "THEY RAN OUT OF WINE." <sup>4</sup> BUT YESHUA SAID TO HER: **"WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME AND YOU, MA'M? IT AIN'T TIME FOR ME TO MAKE MOVES YET."** <sup>5</sup> HIS MOM SAID TO THE WAITERS, "DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU TO DO." <sup>6</sup> JUST THEN, YESHUA NOTICED SIX BIG WATER JUGS SITTING THERE. THEY WERE USED TO MAKE THINGS CLEAN CUZ OF THE JEWISH RULES, AND EACH COULD HOLD TWENTY TO THIRTY GALLONS OF WATER. <sup>7</sup> YESHUA TOLD THE WAITERS, **"FILL THOSE JUGS UP WITH WATER."** AND THEY FILLED THEM UP TO THE TOP. <sup>8</sup> THEN YESHUA SAID, **"DIP SOME OUT AND TAKE IT TO THE MC."** SO THEY DID JUST THAT. <sup>9</sup> WHEN THE MC GIPPED THE WATER THAT WAS NOW WINE, HE AIN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM BUT THE WAITERS KNEW. SO, THE MC CALLED OVER THE DUDE THAT JUST GOT HITCHED <sup>10</sup> AND SAID TO HIM: "USUALLY WHEN PEOPLE THROW A PARTY THEY SERVE THE BEST DRINKS FIRST, AND WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE TIPSY THEY BRING OUT THE CHEAP STUFF. BUT YOU HAVE KEPT THE BEST FOR LAST." <sup>11</sup> YESHUA DID THIS IN CANA OF GALILEE AND THIS WAS THE START OF HIS SIGNS, AND THE FIRST TIME HE LET HIS POWER BE SEEN, AND HIS CREW PUT THEIR FAITH IN HIM.

<sup>12</sup> AFTER THIS, HE, HIS MOM, HIS BROTHERS AND HIS CREW WENT DOWN TO CAPERNAUM, BUT THEY AIN'T STAY THERE FOR LONG.

### **YESHUA AT THE TEMPLE**

<sup>13</sup> IT WAS NOW TIME FOR THE LIVEST HOLIDAY OF THE YEAR, THE PASSOVER, AND YESHUA WAS UP IN JERUSALEM. <sup>14</sup> WHEN HE GOT INTO THE TEMPLE, HE SAW PEOPLE SELLING SHEEP, COWS, AND DOVES. HE EVEN SAW SOME PEOPLE SCAMMING THE VISITORS OUT OF THEIR LOOT. <sup>15</sup> SO YESHUA MADE A WHIP OUT OF SOME ROPES, AND HE RAN THROUGH THAT PIECE-FLIPPING OVER TABLES, THROWING THEIR MONEY ALL OVER THE FLOOR, AND KICKING OUT THE ANIMALS. <sup>16</sup> AND HE TOLD THOSE DUDES

THAT WERE SELLING THE DOVES: **"GET THESE OUT OF HERE, RIGHT NOW! STOP TURNING MY DAD'S CRIB INTO A FLEA-MARKET!"** <sup>17</sup> HIS CREW REMEMBERED THAT IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURES, "THE LOVE THAT I GOT FOR YOUR CRIB IS EATING ME UP INSIDE." (PSALMS 69:9; 119:39)

<sup>18</sup> CUZ OF THIS THE JEWS SAID TO HIM: "WHAT SIGN DO YOU HAVE TO SHOW US THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THESE THINGS?" <sup>19</sup> YESHUA CAME BACK BY SAYING: **"BREAK THIS TEMPLE DOWN TO THE GROUND, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT BACK UP AGAIN."** <sup>20</sup> THE JEWS

THEN SAID: "WHAT? IT TOOK FORTY-SIX YEARS TO BUILD THIS TEMPLE, AND ARE YOU TELLING US THAT YOU CAN RAISE IT UP IN THREE DAYS?" <sup>21</sup> BUT THIS WENT OVER THEIR HEADS, CUZ YESHUA WAS TALKING BOUT HIS BODY AS THE TEMPLE. <sup>22</sup> WHEN YESHUA WAS RAISED UP FROM THE DEAD, HIS CREW REMEMBERED THAT HE USED TO SAY THIS ALL THE TIME; AND THEY BELIEVED THE SCRIPTURES AND WHAT YESHUA SAID.

<sup>23</sup> MEANWHILE, WHEN HE WAS AT THE PASSOVER IN JERUSALEM, A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE FEELING HIM CUZ OF ALL THE SIGNS THAT HE DID. <sup>24</sup> YET, YESHUA AIN'T LET THIS GET TO HIS HEAD. IN FACT, HE WASN'T SWEATING IT AT ALL CUZ HE KNEW WHAT WAS UP <sup>25</sup> AND AIN'T NEED ANYONE TO TELL HIM BOUT ANYONE. HE ALREADY KNEW MAN'S HEART.

## CHAPTER 3

### BORN AGAIN

<sup>1</sup> NOW THERE CAME THIS MAN WHO RAN WITH THE PHARISEES GET, NAMED NICODEMUS, AND HE WAS A H.J.I.C. (HEAD JEW IN CHARGE) <sup>2</sup> THIS GUY CAME TO YESHUA AT NIGHT AND SAID TO HIM: "RABBI, WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE A TEACHER FROM GOD; CUZ NO ONE COULD DO THESE THINGS THAT YOU DO UNLESS GOD IS WITH HIM."

<sup>3</sup> YESHUA THEN SAID TO HIM: **"ON THE REAL, THE TRUTH IS THAT ANYONE WHO AIN'T BORN AGAIN,**



**CAN'T EVEN SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”** <sup>4</sup>  
NICODEMUS THEN SAID TO HIM: “HOW CAN A GUY  
BE BORN IF HE IS ALREADY OLD? HE CAN'T GO  
BACK INTO HIS MOM'S STOMACH A SECOND TIME  
AND BE BORN, CAN HE?” <sup>5</sup> YEHUA ANSWERED  
HIM SAYING: **“THE TRUTH IS, ANYONE WHO AIN'T  
BORN FROM WATER AND SPIRIT, CAN'T ENTER  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD. <sup>6</sup> WHATEVER BORN FROM  
THE FLESH IS FLESH, AND WHATEVER BORN  
FROM THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT. <sup>7</sup> DON'T BE STUNNED  
CUZ I TOLD YOU, Y'ALL GOT TO BE BORN AGAIN. <sup>8</sup>  
THE WIND BLOWS WHERE IT WANTS TO, AND YOU  
HEAR THE SOUND OF IT, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW  
WHERE IT'S COMING FROM AND WHERE IT'S  
GOING. IT'S THE SAME THING FOR EVERYONE  
THAT'S BEEN BORN FROM THE SPIRIT.”**

**GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS SON**

<sup>9</sup> NICODEMUS THEN ASKED HIM: “HOW CAN  
THESE THINGS HAPPEN?” <sup>10</sup> YEHUA THEN TOLD  
HIM: **“AIN'T YOU A TEACHER OF ISRAEL, BUT YOU  
STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING BOUT? <sup>11</sup>  
ON THE REAL, THE TRUTH IS THAT WHAT WE  
KNOW WE SPEAK AND WHAT WE SEE WE TALK  
BOUT, BUT Y'ALL DON'T WANT TO TRUST WHAT  
WE SAY. <sup>12</sup> IF I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU THINGS  
THAT GO ON DOWN HERE ON EARTH AND YOU  
STILL DON'T BELIEVE ME, THEN HOW ARE YOU  
GOING TO BELIEVE ME IF I TELL YOU THINGS  
THAT GO ON UP IN HEAVEN? <sup>13</sup> AND ANOTHER  
THING, NO MAN HAS EVER GONE UP INTO HEAVEN  
EXCEPT THE ONE WHO CAME DOWN FROM  
HEAVEN, THE SON OF MAN. <sup>14</sup> AND JUST LIKE**

**MOSES LIFTED UP THAT SNAKE IN THE DESERT (NUMBERS 21:4), IS THE SAME WAY THAT THE SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP, <sup>15</sup> SO THAT EVERYONE WHO KEEPS IT REAL WITH HIM MAY HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.**

**<sup>16</sup> “CUZ GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO KEEPS IT REAL WITH HIM WOULDN'T BE DESTROYED BUT INSTEAD HAVE A LIFE THAT LAST FOREVER. <sup>17</sup> CUZ GOD SENT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD, NOT FOR HIM TO JUDGE THE WORLD, BUT FOR THE WORLD TO BE SAVED THROUGH HIM. <sup>18</sup> THE PERSON THAT KEEPS IT REAL WITH YESHUA WON'T BE JUDGED. THE PERSON THAT DOESN'T KEEP IT REAL HAS BEEN JUDGED ALREADY, CUZ HE AIN'T BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF YESHUA, THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD. <sup>19</sup> NOW THIS IS THE REASON WHY THEY ARE JUDGED: CUZ THE LIGHT CAME INTO THE WORLD BUT MEN WOULD RATHER LOVE THE DARKNESS INSTEAD OF THE LIGHT, CUZ THE THINGS THAT THEY DID WERE WICKED. <sup>20</sup> THE PERSON THAT DOES UGLY AND NASTY THINGS HATES THE LIGHT AND DOESN'T WANT TO COME CLOSE TO IT, CUZ HE DOESN'T WANT THE THINGS HE DOES TO BE CRITICIZED. <sup>21</sup> BUT THE PERSON THAT DOES WHAT IS RIGHT AND TRUE COMES TO THE LIGHT, TO SHOW THAT HE'S DOING WHAT GOD WANTS HIM TO DO.**

## BAPTIZING

<sup>22</sup> AFTER ALL THIS, YESHUA AND HIS CREW WENT INTO THE BURBS OF JUDEA, AND HE CHILLED THERE WITH THEM FOR A WHILE AND DID SOME BAPTIZING. <sup>23</sup> BUT JOHN [THE MAN THAT BAPTIZED YESHUA] WAS ALSO BAPTIZING UP IN AENON, A HOOD NEAR GALIM, CUZ THERE WAS MAD WATER THERE, AND PEOPLE KEPT COMING THROUGH AND GETTING BAPTIZED. <sup>24</sup> AND ALSO JOHN HADN'T BEEN LOCKED UP YET.

<sup>25</sup> EVENTUALLY AN ARGUMENT STARTED TO DEVELOP BETWEEN JOHN'S CREW WITH A JEWISH DUDE BOUT PURIFICATION. <sup>26</sup> SO THEY WENT UP TO JOHN AND SAID TO HIM: "RABBI, THE GUY YOU WAS CHILLING WITH ACROSS THE JORDAN, THE SAME ONE YOU'VE BEEN TALKING BOUT AND BEPPIN', LOOK, HE'S BAPTIZING PEOPLE TOO AND EVERYONE'S GOING TO HIM INSTEAD OF US." <sup>27</sup> THAT'S WHEN JOHN SAID, "A MAN CAN'T GET A SINGLE THING UNLESS IT'S GIVEN TO HIM FROM HEAVEN. <sup>28</sup> YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT I WAGN'T CLAIMING TO BE THE CHRIST, BUT, I WAS JUST SENT AHEAD OF HIM. <sup>29</sup> IN A WEDDING, THE MAN THAT HAS THE BRIDE IS THE GROOM. STILL, THE BEST MAN, WHEN HE STANDS UP AND HEARS HIS BOY, IS MAD HAPPY TO HEAR THE VOICE OF THE GROOM. THAT'S WHY THIS HAPPINESS OF MINE'S HAS BEEN MADE FULL. <sup>30</sup> MY BOY MUST KEEP ON INCREASING, BUT I MUST KEEP ON DECREASING."

<sup>31</sup> THE ONE THAT COMES FROM ABOVE IS OVER ANYONE ELSE. A DUDE THAT IS FROM THE EARTH IS FROM THE EARTH AND SPEAKS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE EARTH. THE ONE THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN IS OVER ALL OTHERS. <sup>32</sup> THE THINGS THAT HE HAS SEEN AND HEARD, IS WHAT HE TALKS BOUT, BUT AIN'T ANYBODY TAKING HIS WORD FOR IT. <sup>33</sup> THE PERSON WHO TAKES HIS WORD FOR IT IS WILLING TO CLAIM THAT GOD IS TRUE. <sup>34</sup> CUZ THE ONE WHO GOD SENT SPEAKS THE WORDS OF GOD, CUZ HE DOESN'T PUT A LIMIT ON THE SPIRIT. <sup>35</sup> DAD LOVES THE SON AND HAS LET HIM HOLD EVERYTHING. <sup>36</sup> THE PERSON THAT PUTS FAITH IN THE SON WILL LIVE FOREVER; BUT THE PERSON THAT DOESN'T OBEY THE SON WILL NOT SEE LIFE, BUT THE ANGER OF GOD IS STILL ON HIS HEAD.

## CHAPTER 4

### YESHUA CHATS WITH A SAMARITAN WOMAN

<sup>1</sup> THE PHARISEES HEARD THAT YESHUA'S CREW WAS GETTING LARGER THAN JOHN'S AND THAT HE WAS BAPTIZING MORE FOLLOWERS THAN JOHN. <sup>2</sup> YET, YESHUA WASN'T EVEN THE ONE DOING THE ACTUAL BAPTIZING, BUT HIS CREW WAS. <sup>3</sup> WHEN THE BOSS LEARNED THAT THEY WERE HATING ON HIM, HE LEFT JUDEA AND WENT BACK AGAIN TO HIS OWN HOOD, GALILEE.

<sup>4</sup> IN ORDER TO GET TO GALILEE, HE HAD TO GO THROUGH SAMARIA. <sup>5</sup> WHILE IN SAMARIA, HE ARRIVED AT A HOOD CALLED SYCHAR, NEAR A SPOT JACOB HAD LEFT TO HIS SON JOSEPH. <sup>6</sup> JACOB'S WELL WAS THERE, AND YESHUA, TIRED FROM ALL THE WALKING, SAT DOWN BY THE WELL. IT WAS BOUT 12 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

<sup>7</sup> WHEN A SAMARITAN WOMAN CAME TO GET SOME WATER, YESHUA SAID TO HER, **"CAN I GET A SIP?"** <sup>8</sup> (HIS BOYS HAD GONE DOWNTOWN TO BUY SOME FOOD.)

<sup>9</sup> THE SAMARITAN WOMAN REPLIED, "AIN'T YOU JEW, AND I'M A SAMARITAN WOMAN? HOW COME YOU ASKING ME FOR A SIP?" (BACK THEN JEWS AND SAMARITANS WERE ALWAYS BEEFING.)

<sup>10</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD AND WHO IT IS THAT'S ASKING YOU FOR A SIP, YOU WOULD'VE ASKED HIM AND HE WOULD'VE GIVEN YOU LIVING WATER."**

<sup>11</sup> "BOSS," THE WOMAN SAID, "YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANYTHING TO GET WATER WITH AND THIS WELL IS MAD DEEP. WHERE YOU GONNA GET THIS LIVING WATER THEN? <sup>12</sup> YOU THINK YOU'RE BETTER THAN OUR DAD JACOB, WHO GAVE US THE WELL AND EVEN DRANK FROM IT HIMSELF? EVEN HIS SONS AND HIS ANIMALS DRANK FROM IT ALSO."

13 YESHUA RESPONDED, "EVERYONE WHO DRINKS THIS WATER GETS THIRSTY AGAIN, 14 BUT WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE 'EM WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY AGAIN. WORD UP. THE WATER I GIVE 'EM WILL BECOME A SPRING OF WATER INSIDE OF 'EM UNTIL IT OVERFLOWS TO ETERNAL LIFE."

15 THE WOMAN SAID TO HIM, "BOGG, GIVE ME A GIP OF THIS WATER SO THAT I WON'T GET THIRSTY ANYMORE AND HAVE TO KEEP COMING OUT HERE TO GET WATER IN THIS HOT SUN."

16 HE TOLD HER, "GO, CALL YOUR HUSBAND AND COME BACK."

17 "I AIN'T GOT A HUSBAND," SHE REPLIED.

YESHUA THEN SAID TO HER, "YOU'RE RIGHT WHEN YOU SAY THAT YOU AIN'T GOT A HUSBAND.

18 THE TRUTH IS, YOU'VE HAD FIVE HUSBANDS ALREADY, AND DUDE YOU WITH NOW AIN'T EVEN YOUR HUSBAND. SO YOU AIN'T LYING."

19 "BOGG," THE WOMAN SAID, "I CAN OBVIOUSLY SEE THAT YOU'RE A PROPHET, GO MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO ME. 20 OUR DADS WORSHIPED GOD ON THIS MOUNTAIN, BUT YOU JEWS SAY THAT JERUSALEM IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT WE MUST WORSHIP."

21 YESHUA EXPLAINED, "TRUST ME, SHAWTY, A TIME IS COMING WHEN YOU'LL WORSHIP DAD NEITHER ON THIS MOUNTAIN, NOR IN JERUSALEM. 22 YOU SAMARITANS DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE WORSHIPING; WE DO KNOW WHAT WE WORSHIP, AND THAT'S WHY SALVATION COMES FROM THE JEWS. 23 YET, CHECK THIS, A TIME IS COMING AND IT'S ALREADY HERE WHEN

**THE TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP DAD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH, CUZ THAT'S THE KIND OF WORSHIPERS DAD IS LOOKING FOR. <sup>24</sup> GOD IS SPIRIT, SO HIS WORSHIPERS HAVE TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH."**

<sup>25</sup> THE WOMAN SAID, "I KNOW MESSIAH" (ANOTHER WORD FOR CHRIST) "IS COMING. WHENEVER HE GETS HERE, I'M SURE HE'LL EXPLAIN ALL OF THIS TO US."

<sup>26</sup> THEN YESHUA CONFESSED, **"ME AND HIM ARE THE SAME PERSON."**

#### **YESHUA'S CREW COMES BACK**

<sup>27</sup> JUST THEN HIS CREW CAME BACK FROM DOWNTOWN AND THEY WERE SHOCKED TO CATCH HIM TALKING TO A FEMALE. BUT NO ONE ASKED, "WHAT YOU TRYING TO GET AT?" OR "WHY YOU HOLLERING AT THAT GIRL?"

<sup>28</sup> JUST THEN, LEAVING BEHIND HER WATER JAR, THE WOMAN WENT BACK DOWNTOWN AND SAID TO EVERYBODY, <sup>29</sup> "COME CHECK THIS OUT, THERE'S A MAN OVER THERE THAT TOLD ME EVERYTHING I EVER DID. COULD HE BE THE CHRIST?" <sup>30</sup> SO THEY CAME OUT TO SEE HIM.

<sup>31</sup> WHILE THIS WAS GOING ON, HIS CREW BEGGED HIM, SAYING, "EAT BOGS, EAT."

<sup>32</sup> BUT HE SAID TO THEM, **"I'VE GOT FOOD THAT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW BOUT."**

<sup>33</sup> SO HIS CREW BEGAN TALKING AMONGST THEMSELVES, SAYING "COULD SOMEONE HAVE BROUGHT HIM SOME FOOD WHILE WE WERE GONE?"

<sup>34</sup> THEN YESHUA EXPLAINED, **"MY FOOD IS FOR ME TO DO THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME AND TO FINISH THE JOB. <sup>35</sup> AREN'T PEOPLE ALWAYS SAYING, 'FOUR MONTHS LEFT UNTIL THE HARVEST'? BUT I'M SAYING, OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK! THE FIELDS ARE ALREADY RIPE FOR**



**THE PICKING. <sup>36</sup> THE REAPER IS ALREADY GETTING HIS CUT, AND EVEN NOW HE IS PICKING FRUIT. THE FRUIT IS THE PEOPLE HE HELPS GET ETERNAL LIFE. AS A RESULT, THE REAPER AND THE PLANTER ARE BOTH GOING BUCK. <sup>37</sup> YOU'VE HEARD THE SAYING, 'ONE PLANTS, AND ANOTHER PICKS.' WELL, IT'S TRUE. <sup>38</sup> I SENT YOU TO PICK WHAT YOU AIN'T WORK FOR. OTHERS HAVE ALREADY DONE THE HARD WORK, BUT YOU GET TO BENEFIT FROM THAT WORK."**

#### **MANY SAMARITANS TRUST HIM**

<sup>39</sup> A LOT OF THE SAMARITANS FROM THAT HOOD TRUSTED HIM CUZ OF THE WOMAN'S WORDS, "HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING I EVER DID." <sup>40</sup> WHEN THE SAMARITANS CAME TO HIM, THEY BEGGED HIM TO CHILL WITH THEM. SO HE STAYED THERE TWO DAYS. <sup>41</sup> AND CUZ OF ALL THE THINGS HE SAID IN THOSE TWO DAYS, MANY MORE SAMARITANS BEGAN TO TRUST HIM. <sup>42</sup> THEY SAID TO THE WOMAN, "WE DON'T ONLY BELIEVE HIM NOW CUZ OF WHAT YOU SAID, BUT WE GOT A CHANCE TO HEAR HIM OURSELVES. WE NOW KNOW THAT THIS IS THE MAN THAT'S GOING TO GAVE THE WORLD."

#### **YESHUA HEALS THE POLITICIAN'S SON**

<sup>43</sup> AFTER THE TWO DAYS, HE BOUNCED TO GALILEE. <sup>44</sup> (NOW YESHUA USED TO SAY THAT A PROPHET GETS NO RESPECT IN HIS OWN HOOD.) <sup>45</sup> YET, WHEN HE GOT BACK TO GALILEE, THEY WELCOMED HIM. THEY HAD ALSO WENT TO JERUSALEM TO CELEBRATE THE PASSOVER, AND THEY SAW EVERYTHING HE DID THERE.

<sup>46</sup> AGAIN, YESHUA WENT TO VISIT CANA, WHERE HE HAD TURNED THE WATER INTO WINE. NEARBY IN CAPERNAUM, THERE WAS A POLITICIAN WITH A SICK SON. <sup>47</sup> WHEN THIS MAN HEARD THAT YESHUA HAD COME TO GALILEE FROM JUDEA, HE WENT TO HIM AND BEGGED HIM TO COME AND HEAL HIS SON, WHO WAS BOUT TO DIE.

48 YESHUA SAID, **"Y'ALL WILL NEVER BELIEVE, UNLESS YOU SEE MIRACLES AND AMAZING THINGS."**

49 THE POLITICIAN BEGGED, "BOSS, COME DOWN WITH ME BEFORE MY KID DIES."

50 YESHUA REPLIED, **"GO HOME, YOUR KID WILL LIVE."** THE MAN TRUSTED WHAT YESHUA SAID, SO HE LEFT. 51 WHILE HE WAS STILL ON HIS WAY, SOME OF HIS SLAVES FOUND HIM AND TOLD HIM THAT HIS SON WAS BETTER. 52 WHEN HE ASKED THEM AROUND WHAT TIME HIS SON STARTED TO FEEL BETTER, THEY SAID, "THE FEVER LEFT HIM YESTERDAY AT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON."

53 THEN THE DAD REALIZED THAT THIS WAS THE SAME TIME YESHUA HAD TOLD HIM, **"YOUR KID WILL LIVE."** SO HE AND HIS WHOLE FAMILY BECAME BELIEVERS.

54 THIS WAS THE SECOND MIRACLE YESHUA DID IN GALILEE, AND IT HAPPENED AFTER HE CAME BACK FROM JUDEA.

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **THE HEALING AT THE POOL**

1 LATER ON, YESHUA WENT BACK TO JERUSALEM FOR ANOTHER JEWISH HOLIDAY. 2 INSIDE THE CITY, NEAR THE SHEEP GATE, WAS A POOL CALLED BETHESDA, AND IT HAD FIVE COVERED PORCHES AROUND IT. 3 UNDER THESE PORCHES, CROWDS OF SICK, BLIND, CRIPPLED, AND HANDICAPPED PEOPLE WOULD LAY DOWN. 4 IT WAS SAID THAT EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, AN ANGEL WOULD COME TO THE POOL AND THE WATER WOULD FORM WAVES. WHOEVER COULD GET INTO THE POOL FIRST AFTER THEY SAW THE WAVES WOULD BE HEALED OF WHATEVER DISEASE THEY HAD. 5 THERE WAS ONE MAN THERE THAT WAS SICK FOR THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS. 6 WHEN YESHUA SAW HIM LAYING THERE, AND FOUND OUT THAT HE HAD BEEN LIKE THAT

FOR THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS, HE ASKED, **"DO YOU WANT TO BE HEALED?"**

7 "BOSS," THE SICK MAN SAID, "I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO HELP ME GET INTO THE WATER WHEN IT STARTS TO MOVE. SO WHEN I TRY TO GET IN, SOMEONE ELSE ALWAYS BEATS ME TO IT."

8 THEN YESHUA SAID TO HIM, **"GET UP! PICK UP YOUR BED AND WALK."** 9 RIGHT THEN, THE MAN WAS HEALED. HE PICKED UP HIS MATTRESS AND STARTED WALKING.

THE DAY THAT THIS HAPPENED WAS A SABBATH, 10 AND SO THE JEWS SAID TO THE HEALED MAN, "YOU CAN'T BE WORKING ON THE SABBATH! IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO CARRY YOUR BED TODAY."

11 BUT HE REPLIED, "THE MAN WHO HEALED ME TOLD ME, **'PICK UP YOUR BED AND WALK.'**"

12 SO THEY ASKED HIM, "WHO'S THIS GUY SAYING SUCH NONSENSE?"

13 THE MAN THAT WAS HEALED AIN'T KNOW WHO IT WAS, CUZ YESHUA HAD BLENDED IN WITH THE CROWD THAT WAS THERE.

14 YESHUA FOUND HIM LATER AT THE TEMPLE AND SAID TO HIM, **"YA SEE, YOU'RE HEALTHY AGAIN. NOW, STOP SINNING OR SOMETHING WORSE COULD HAPPEN TO YOU."** 15 THE MAN LEFT AND TOLD THE JEWS THAT IT WAS YESHUA WHO HEALED HIM.

#### **LIFE THROUGH THE SON**

16 SO, CUZ YESHUA WAS DOING THESE THINGS ON THE SABBATH, THE JEWS WERE HATING. 17 YESHUA SAID TO THEM, **"MY DAD IS ALWAYS WORKING, SO I'M WORKING TOO."** 18 THIS MADE 'EM WANT TO KILL HIM EVEN MORE. NOT ONLY WAS HE BREAKING THE SABBATH, BUT HE WAS ALSO CALLING GOD HIS DAD, MAKING HIMSELF EQUAL TO GOD.

<sup>19</sup> YEHUA TRIED TO MAKE 'EM UNDERSTAND BY SAYING, "ON THE REAL, THE SON CAN'T DO ANYTHING BY HIMSELF. HE CAN ONLY DO WHAT HE SEES HIS DAD DO, CUZ HE COPIES WHATEVER HIS DAD DOES. <sup>20</sup> THE DAD LOVES THE SON, AND LETS HIM SEE EVERYTHING HE DOES. JUST WATCH, HIS DAD WILL SHOW HIM EVEN BIGGER THINGS THAN THESE. THEN YOU'LL REALLY BE SHOCKED. <sup>21</sup> JUST LIKE THE DAD BRINGS THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE, THE SON GIVES LIFE TO ANYONE HE WANTS. <sup>22</sup> ON TOP OF THAT, THE DAD JUDGES NO ONE BUT HE LETS HIS SON DO ALL THE JUDGING, <sup>23</sup> SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SWEAT THE SON JUST LIKE THEY SWEAT THE DAD WHO SENT HIM. <sup>24</sup> I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH, WHOEVER LISTENS TO MY WORDS AND TRUSTS HIM THAT SENT ME WILL LIVE FOREVER. HE WON'T BE DAMNED, CUZ HE WILL HAVE ALREADY CROSSED OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE."

<sup>25</sup> "STRAIGHT UP! A TIME IS COMING, AND IT'S ALREADY HERE, WHEN THE DEAD WILL HEAR THE VOICE OF THE SON OF GOD, AND THOSE WHO LISTEN WILL LIVE. <sup>26</sup> JUST LIKE DAD HAS LIFE INSIDE HIM, HE GAVE HIS SON THE SAME LIFE-GIVING POWER. <sup>27</sup> HE ALSO GAVE HIM THE POWER TO JUDGE EVERYONE CUZ HE'S THE SON OF MAN."

<sup>28</sup> "DON'T BE SO SHOCKED! FOR REAL, A TIME IS COMING WHEN EVERYONE IN THE GRAVE WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, <sup>29</sup> AND COME OUT. THOSE WHO

HAVE DONE GOOD WILL GET UP TO LIVE FOREVER, AND THOSE WHO DID EVIL WILL GET UP TO BE DAMNED. <sup>30</sup> BY MYSELF, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING. I JUDGE AS GOD TELLS ME. MY DECISION IS RIGHT CUZ I'M NOT TRYING TO MAKE MYSELF HAPPY, BUT I'M DOING WHAT MY DAD WANTS AND SENT ME TO DO."

#### **EVIDENCE BOUT YESHUA**

<sup>31</sup> "IF I WAS THE ONLY ONE TALKING BOUT MYSELF, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TELL IF I WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. <sup>32</sup> THERE'S ALSO SOMEONE ELSE SAYING THE SAME THING BOUT ME, AND I KNOW THAT HE IS TELLING THE TRUTH. <sup>33</sup> YOU SENT PEOPLE TO ASK JOHN THE BAPTIST QUESTIONS, AND I KNOW THAT HE TOLD YOU THE TRUTH. <sup>34</sup> I'M NOT RELYING ON HUMAN WITNESS, BUT I'M TELLING YOU THIS TO SAVE YOU. <sup>35</sup> JOHN WAS A SHINNING LIGHT BULB, AND YOU WERE GLAD TO BE IN HIS LIGHT FOR A WHILE. <sup>36</sup> BUT I HAVE BIGGER EVIDENCE THAN JOHN. JUST LOOK AT THE WORK THAT DAD GAVE ME TO DO. THE WORK ITSELF THAT I'M DOING SHOWS THAT DAD SENT ME. <sup>37</sup> AND DAD HIMSELF HAS TALKED BOUT ME, BUT YOU NEVER HEARD HIM OR SAW HIM FACE TO FACE. <sup>38</sup> SO YOU DON'T HAVE HIS MESSAGE IN YOUR HEART, CUZ YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE ONE HE SENT TO YOU. <sup>39</sup> YOU WORK HARD TO STUDY THE SCRIPTURES CUZ YOU THINK THEY GIVE YOU ETERNAL LIFE. THE SAME

**SCRIPTURES POINT TO ME, <sup>40</sup> BUT YOU AVOID COMING TO ME FOR LIFE.”**

**<sup>41</sup> “I DON’T CARE BOUT GETTING PROPS FROM YOU <sup>42</sup> CUZ I KNOW, IN YOUR HEART, YOU DON’T REALLY LOVE GOD. <sup>43</sup> I CAME REPPIN MY DAD’S NAME BUT YOU KEEP REJECTING ME. BUT IF SOMEONE COMES REPPIN HIMSELF, YOU’RE QUICK TO SWEAT HIM. <sup>44</sup> IT’S NOT A SURPRISE THAT YOU DON’T BELIEVE. DON’T YOU REALIZE THAT YOU’RE TOO BUSY SWEATING ONE ANOTHER SO MUCH THAT YOU DON’T HAVE ANY TIME LEFT TO GET PROPS FROM THE ONE AND ONLY GOD? <sup>45</sup> BUT DON’T THINK THAT I’M GOING TO BE THE ONE SNITCHING ON YOU TO DAD. MOSES WILL SNITCH ON YOU! YEAH, MOSES, THE ONE YOUR ALWAYS BRAGGING BOUT. <sup>46</sup> IF YOU REALLY BELIEVED MOSES, YOU WOULD BELIEVE ME TOO, CUZ HE WROTE BOUT ME. <sup>47</sup> BUT SINCE YOU DON’T BELIEVE WHAT HE WROTE, HOW YOU GOING TO BELIEVE WHAT I SAY?”**

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **YESHUA FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND**

**<sup>1</sup> AFTER THAT, YESHUA BOUNCED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE, (ALSO CALLED THE SEA OF TIBERIAS), <sup>2</sup> AND A LOT OF HEADS FOLLOWED HIM THERE CUZ THEY SAW THE MIRACLES HE DID FOR THE SICK. <sup>3</sup> YESHUA WENT UP A MOUNTAINSIDE, AND SAT THERE WITH HIS CREW AROUND HIM. <sup>4</sup> IT WAS ALMOST TIME FOR THE JEWISH PASSOVER PARTY. <sup>5</sup> YESHUA THEN LOOKED UP AND SAW THE GREAT CROWD WALKING TOWARDS HIM, SO HE ASKED PHILIP, “WHERE CAN WE BUY BREAD TO FEED**



**ALL THESE HEADS?"** <sup>6</sup> HE WAS JUST TESTING PHILIP, CUZ YESHUA ALREADY KNEW WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO. <sup>7</sup> PHILLIP REPLIED, "EVEN IF WE WORKED FOR MONTHS, WE STILL WOULDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO FEED THEM!" <sup>8</sup> ANOTHER ONE OF HIS CREW, ANDREW, SIMON PETER'S BROTHER, SPOKE UP, <sup>9</sup> "THERE'S A KID HERE WITH TWO SMALL LOAVES OF BARLEY BREAD AND TWO SMALL FISH, BUT WHAT GOOD IS THAT TO GO MANY HEADS?"

<sup>10</sup> YESHUA SAID, **"TELL EVERYBODY TO SIT DOWN."** THERE WAS PLENTY OF SPACE ON THE GRASS, SO THEY ALL SAT DOWN. THE GUYS ALONE WERE BOUT FIVE THOUAGND, NOT TO MENTION THE WOMEN AND KIDS. <sup>11</sup> THEN YESHUA TOOK THE LOAVES, AND AFTER THANKING GOD FOR THEM, HE SHARED IT WITH THE PEOPLE. HE DID THE SAME THING WITH THE FISH. EVERYBODY ATE AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED. <sup>12</sup> WHEN EVERYONE WAS FULL, YESHUA SAID TO HIS CREW, **"GO PICK UP ALL THE LEFT OVERS, SO WE DON'T WASTE NOTHING."** <sup>13</sup> SO THEY PICKED UP THE LEFTOVERS, AND THE BARLEY LOAF SCRAPS FILLED TWELVE BASKETS.

<sup>14</sup> AFTER THE PEOPLE SAW THE MIRACLES THAT YESHUA DID, THEY STARTED SAYING, "THIS HAS TO BE THE PROPHET WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!" <sup>15</sup> WHEN YESHUA SAW THAT THEY WERE BOUT TO FORCE HIM TO BE THEIR KING, HE BOUNCED AGAIN TO THE MOUNTAINS BY HIMSELF.

### **YESHUA WALKS ON THE WATER**

<sup>16</sup> WHEN EVENING CAME, HIS CREW WENT DOWN TO THE LAKE TO WAIT ON HIM, <sup>17</sup> BUT IT WAS GETTING DARK AND YESHUA STILL HADN'T COME. SO THEY GOT INTO A BOAT, AND HEADED ACROSS THE LAKE TOWARDS CAPERNAUM. <sup>18</sup> AS THEY CROSSED, A STORM CAME AND THE WATERS GOT VERY ROUGH. <sup>19</sup> AFTER THEY HAD ROWED THREE TO FOUR MILES, THEY SUDDENLY SAW YESHUA WALKING ON THE WATER TOWARD THE BOAT. THEY WERE SHOOK! <sup>20</sup> BUT HE YELLED OUT TO THEM, **"IT'S ME! DON'T BE SCARED."** <sup>21</sup> SO THEY WERE HAPPY TO LET HIM ON THE BOAT,

AND IMMEDIATELY THEY REACHED THEIR DESTINATION.

<sup>22</sup> THE NEXT DAY, THE CROWD THAT HAD STAYED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE REALIZED THAT YESHUA'S CREW HAD TAKEN THE ONLY BOAT, AND YESHUA WAS NOT WITH THEM. <sup>23</sup> THEN SOME BOATS CAME FROM TIBERIAS AND LANDED NEAR THE PLACE THE BOGS HAD FED THEM WITH THE BREAD HE BLESSED. <sup>24</sup> WHEN THE CROWD REALIZED THAT YESHUA AND HIS CREW WERE NO LONGER THERE, THEY HOPPED ON THE BOATS AND WENT TO CAPERNAUM LOOKING FOR YESHUA.

### **YESHUA THE BREAD OF LIFE**

<sup>25</sup> THEY FOUND HIM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE AND ASKED, "RABBI, WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?" <sup>26</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"ON THE REAL, YOU CAME LOOKING FOR ME, NOT CUZ YOU SAW MIRACLES BUT, CUZ YOU ATE BREAD UNTIL YOU WERE STUFFED. <sup>27</sup> DON'T BE SO CAUGHT UP IN FOOD THAT SPOILS. INSTEAD, WORK FOR FOOD THAT LAST FOREVER. THIS IS THE FOOD THE SON OF MAN WILL GIVE YOU CUZ GOD, AKA DAD, HAS GIVEN HIM THE SEAL OF APPROVAL."**

<sup>28</sup> THEN THEY ASKED HIM, "WHAT SHOULD WE DO, IN ORDER TO DO GOD'S WORKS?"

<sup>29</sup> YESHUA TOLD THEM, **"THIS IS THE WORK GOD WANTS YOU TO DO: BELIEVE IN THE ONE HE SENT."**

<sup>30</sup> SO THEY ASKED HIM, "WHAT MIRACLE ARE YOU GOING TO DO SO WE CAN BELIEVE WHEN WE SEE IT? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?" <sup>31</sup> AFTER ALL, OUR ANCESTORS ATE MANNA IN THE DESERT! IT'S WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURES: 'MOSES GAVE 'EM BREAD FROM HEAVEN TO EAT.'"(EXODUS 16:4)

<sup>32</sup> YESHUA SAID TO THEM, **"ON THE REAL, MOSES AIN'T GIVE YOU THE BREAD FROM**

HEAVEN. MY DAD IS THE ONE WHO GIVES THE TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN. <sup>33</sup> THE TRUE BREAD OF GOD IS THE ONE WHO COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND GIVES LIFE TO THE WORLD.”

<sup>34</sup> “BOGG,” THEY SAID, “FROM NOW ON GIVE US THIS BREAD.”

<sup>35</sup> YEGHUA REPLIED, “I’M THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER BE HUNGRY AGAIN, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY. <sup>36</sup> BUT LIKE I SAID, YOU ALREADY SAW ME BUT YOU STILL DON’T BELIEVE. <sup>37</sup> EVERYONE DAD GIVES ME WILL COME TO ME, AND I WILL NEVER CHASE AWAY WHOEVER COMES TO ME. <sup>38</sup> CUZ I CAME FROM HEAVEN, NOT TO DO WHAT I WANT BUT, TO DO WHAT THE ONE WHO SENT ME WANTS. <sup>39</sup> AND THIS IS WHAT THE ONE WHO SENT ME WANTS ME TO DO: FOR ME NOT TO LOSE ANY OF THOSE HE HAS GIVEN ME, BUT INSTEAD RAISE ‘EM UP ON THE LAST DAY. <sup>40</sup> FOR MY DAD WANTS EVERYONE WHO PAYS ATTENTION TO THE SON AND BELIEVES IN HIM TO LIVE FOREVER, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY.”

<sup>41</sup> AT THAT POINT, THE JEWS BEGAN TO TALK TRASH BOUT HIM BEHIND HIS BACK CUZ HE SAID, “I’M THE BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.” <sup>42</sup> THEY WERE LIKE, “AIN’T THIS YEGHUA, JOSEPH’S SON? WE KNOW HIS DAD AND MOM, SO HOW CAN HE SAY, ‘I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN’?”

43 BUT YESHUA SAID TO THEM, "STOP COMPLAINING BOUT WHAT I SAID TO ONE ANOTHER. 44 NO ONE CAN COME TO ME UNLESS DAD, WHO SENT ME, DRAWS HIM AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY. 45 THE PROPHETS WROTE BOUT IT, SAYING: 'THEY WILL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.' (ISAIAH 54:13; JEREMIAH 31:34) EVERYONE WHO LISTENS TO DAD AND LEARNS FROM HIM COMES TO ME. 46 NO ONE HAS SEEN DAD EXCEPT THE ONE WHO CAME FROM GOD; HE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT'S SEEN DAD. 47 I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH, WHOEVER BELIEVES WILL LIVE FOREVER. 48 I'M THE BREAD OF LIFE. 49 YOUR ANCESTORS ATE THE MANNA IN THE DESERT, BUT THEY ALL DIED. 50 BUT THIS IS THE BREAD THAT COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WHOEVER EATS IT WILL NEVER DIE. 51 I'M THE LIVING BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER. THIS BREAD IS MY FLESH, AND I WILL GIVE IT FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD."

52 THEN THE JEWS REALLY GOT HEATED, SAYING TO ONE ANOTHER, "HOW CAN THIS MAN GIVE US HIS FLESH TO EAT?"

53 YESHUA SAID TO THEM, "ON THE REAL, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU. 54 WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY. 55 MY FLESH IS REAL

**FOOD, AND MY BLOOD IS REAL DRINK. <sup>56</sup> WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD STAYS IN ME, AND I IN HIM. <sup>57</sup> JUST LIKE I LIVE CUZ OF THE LIVING FATHER WHO SENT ME, IN THE SAME WAY, ANYONE WHO FEEDS ON ME WILL LIVE CUZ OF ME. <sup>58</sup> THIS IS THE BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. YOUR ANCESTORS ATE MANNA AND DIED, BUT WHOEVER FEEDS ON THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER.” <sup>59</sup> HE SAID THIS WHILE HE WAS TEACHING IN A GYNAGOGUE IN CAPERNAUM.**

#### **MANY DISCIPLES ABANDON YESHUA**

<sup>60</sup> WHEN THEY HEARD THESE WORDS, MANY OF HIS CREW SAID, “YO, THIS IS A HARD TEACHING; WHO CAN HANDLE IT?”

<sup>61</sup> KNOWING THAT HIS CREW WERE CRITICIZING HIS WORDS, HE SAID, **“DOES THIS STUMBLE YOU? <sup>62</sup> THEN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU SAW THE SON OF MAN FLY UP TO HEAVEN WHERE HE WAS BEFORE? <sup>63</sup> IT’S THE SPIRIT THAT GIVES LIFE; THE FLESH IS NO HELP AT ALL. THE WORDS THAT I’VE SAID TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE. <sup>64</sup> STILL, THERE ARE SOME OF YOU WHO DON’T BELIEVE.”** (YESHUA KNEW FROM THE GET GO WHICH ONES AIN’T BELIEVE AND WHO WOULD BETRAY HIM.) <sup>65</sup> HE CONTINUED, **“THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU THAT NO ONE CAN COME TO ME UNLESS DAD EQUIPS HIM TO.”**

<sup>66</sup> FROM THAT POINT ON, MANY OF HIS CREW TURNED BACK AND DECEATED HIM.

<sup>67</sup> **“DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE TOO?”** YESHUA ASKED THE TWELVE.

<sup>68</sup> SIMON PETER ANSWERED HIM, "BOGS, WHO ELSE COULD WE GO TO? YOU'RE THE ONE THAT HAS THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. <sup>69</sup> PLUS, WE BELIEVE AND KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE HOLY ONE OF GOD."

<sup>70</sup> THEN YESHUA REPLIED, **"DIDN'T I CHOOSE YOU TWELVE MYSELF? YET, ONE OF YOU IS A DEVIL!"** <sup>71</sup> (HE WAS TALKING BOUT JUDAS, THE SON OF SIMON ISCARIOT, CUZ ALTHOUGH HE WAS ONE OF THE TWELVE, HE WOULD LATER BETRAY YESHUA.)

## CHAPTER 7

### YESHUA GOES TO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

<sup>1</sup> AFTER THIS, YESHUA WALKED AROUND GALILEE. HE WANTED TO STAY AWAY FROM JUDEA, CUZ THE JEWS THERE WERE TRYING TO KILL HIM. <sup>2</sup> BUT SOON IT WAS TIME FOR THE JEWISH FESTIVAL OF TENTS, <sup>3</sup> AND YESHUA'S BROTHERS SAID TO HIM, "GET OUT OF HERE AND GO TO JUDEA, WHERE YOUR FOLLOWERS CAN SEE YOUR MIRACLES! <sup>4</sup> YOU CAN'T EXPECT TO BE FAMOUS IF YOU KEEP HIDING LIKE THIS! IF YOU CAN DO SUCH BIG THINGS, SHOW YOURSELF TO THE WORLD!" <sup>5</sup> FOR EVEN HIS OWN BROTHERS AIN'T BELIEVE IN HIM.

<sup>6</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"MY TIME AIN'T HERE YET, BUT ANYTIME IS RIGHT FOR YOU. <sup>7</sup> THE WORLD CAN'T HATE YOU, BUT IT HATES ME CUZ I LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WHAT IT DOES IS EVIL. <sup>8</sup> YOU GO TO THE FEAST. I'M NOT GOING TO THIS FESTIVAL YET, CUZ MY TIME AIN'T HERE YET."** <sup>9</sup> AFTER SAYING THIS, HE STAYED IN GALILEE.

<sup>10</sup> BUT AFTER HIS BROTHERS LEFT FOR THE FESTIVAL, YESHUA WENT ALGO, NOT PUBLICLY, BUT ON THE LOW. <sup>11</sup> NOW AT THE FEAST, THE JEWS WERE LOOKING FOR HIM AND ASKING, "WHERE'S HE AT?"

<sup>12</sup> THERE WAS A LOT OF PEOPLE TALKING BOUT HIM IN THE CROWD. SOME WERE SAYING, "HE'S A GOOD MAN," BUT OTHERS SAID, "HE'S



NOTHING BUT A FAKE. HE'S LEADING THE PEOPLE ASTRAY." <sup>13</sup> BUT NO ONE WOULD SAY ANYTHING GOOD BOUT HIM IN PUBLIC CUZ THEY WERE ALL SCARED OF THE JEWISH LEADERS.

#### **YESHUA TEACHES AT THE FEAST**

<sup>14</sup> IT WAGN'T UNTIL HALFWAY THROUGH THE FEAST THAT YESHUA WENT UP TO THE TEMPLE COURTS AND STARTED TEACHING. <sup>15</sup> THE JEWS WERE SHOCKED AND ASKED, "HOW DOES THIS MAN KNOW SO MUCH WHEN HE HAS NEVER GONE TO SCHOOL?"

<sup>16</sup> YESHUA ANSWERED, **"MY TEACHING AIN'T MY OWN. IT COMES FROM HIM WHO SENT ME. <sup>17</sup> IF ANYONE WANTS TO DO WHAT GOD WANTS, HE WILL KNOW IF MY TEACHING IS FROM GOD OR JUST MY OWN. <sup>18</sup> THOSE WHO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES WANT PROPS FOR THEMSELVES, BUT A PERSON WHO IS TRYING TO GIVE PROPS TO THE ONE WHO SENT HIM SPEAKS THE TRUTH, AND THERE'S NOTHING FAKE IN HIM. <sup>19</sup> AIN'T MOSES GIVE YOU THE LAW? BUT NONE OF YOU OBEY IT! WHY YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?"**

<sup>20</sup> "YO GON, YOU GOT A DEMON!" THE CROWD ANSWERED. "WHO'S TRYING TO KILL YOU?"

<sup>21</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"I DID ONE MIRACLE ON THE SABBATH, AND Y'ALL WERE SHOCKED. <sup>22</sup> YET, YOU CIRCUMCISE A MAN ON THE SABBATH SO YOU CAN OBEY MOSES' LAW OF CIRCUMCISION. (NOT THAT CIRCUMCISION CAME FROM MOSES, CUZ OUR ANCESTORS HAD ALREADY BEEN DOING IT FOR A LONG TIME BEFORE THAT). <sup>23</sup> NOW IF A KID CAN BE CIRCUMCISED ON THE SABBATH, SO THAT YOU DON'T BREAK THE LAW OF MOSES, WHY ARE YOU**

**GETTING SO HEATED AT ME HEALING THE WHOLE MAN ON THE SABBATH? <sup>24</sup> STOP JUDGING BY HOW SOMETHING LOOKS ON THE SURFACE, SO YOU CAN MAKE RIGHT JUDGEMENTS."**

### **IS YESHUA THE CHRIST?**

<sup>25</sup> AT THAT POINT, SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN JERUSALEM STARTED TO ASK, "AIN'T THIS THE MAN THEY ARE TRYING TO KILL? <sup>26</sup> HERE HE IS, SPEAKING OUT IN THE OPEN, AND THEY AIN'T SAYING A WORD TO HIM. DID THE RULERS DECIDE THAT THIS IS THE CHRIST AND NOT TELL US? <sup>27</sup> BUT HOW COULD HE BE? WE KNOW WHERE THIS MAN CAME FROM; BUT WHEN THE CHRIST COMES, NO ONE WILL KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM."

<sup>28</sup> THEN YESHUA, STILL TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE, YELLED OUT, **"YEAH, YOU KNOW ME, AND YOU KNOW WHERE I CAME FROM. BUT I AIN'T HERE ON MY OWN. THE ONE WHO SENT ME IS REAL, AND YOU DON'T KNOW HIM. <sup>29</sup> BUT I KNOW HIM CUZ I CAME FROM HIM, AND HE SENT ME HERE."**

<sup>30</sup> RIGHT THEN, THEY WANTED TO ARREST HIM, BUT NO ONE PUT A HAND ON HIM, CUZ HIS TIME HADN'T YET COME. <sup>31</sup> MANY OF THE CROWD PUT FAITH IN HIM, SAYING, "WOULD WE EXPECT THE CHRIST TO DO MORE MIRACLES THAN THIS MAN?"

<sup>32</sup> WHEN THE PHARISEES HEARD THAT THE CROWD WAS TALKING BOUT HIM LIKE THIS, THEY AND THE CHIEF PRIEST SENT TEMPLE GUARDS TO ARREST HIM.

<sup>33</sup> YESHUA SAID, **"I'M ONLY HERE WITH YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE MORE, AND THEN I'M GOING BACK TO THE ONE WHO SENT ME. <sup>34</sup> YOU'RE GONNA LOOK FOR ME, BUT YOU WON'T FIND ME; AND YOU CAN'T COME WHERE I AM."**

35 THE JEWISH LEADERS WERE PUZZLED BY THESE WORDS. "WHERE'S HE PLANNING TO GO THAT WE WON'T FIND HIM? IS HE PLANNING TO GO TO OUR PEOPLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND TEACH THE GREEKS?" 36 WHAT IS HE TALKING BOUT WHEN HE SAID, **'YOU'RE GONNA LOOK FOR ME, BUT YOU WON'T FIND ME,' AND 'YOU CAN'T COME WHERE I AM?'**"

37 ON THE LAST AND LIVEST DAY OF THE FEAST, YESHUA STOOD UP AND YELLED OUT, **"IF ANYONE IS THIRSTY, THEN COME TO ME AND DRINK!"** 38 **THE SCRIPTURES SAY, 'LIVING WATER WILL OVERFLOW FROM THE HEART OF WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME.'**" 39 HE WAS TALKING BOUT THE SPIRIT THAT WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM. THE SPIRIT HADN'T YET BEEN GIVEN, CUZ YESHUA HADN'T BEEN GLORIFIED YET.

40 WHEN THEY HEARD HIS WORDS, SOME PEOPLE SAID, "THIS HAS TO BE THE PROPHET."

41 OTHERS SAID, "HE'S THE CHRIST."

STILL OTHER PEOPLE SAID, "HOW CAN THE CHRIST COME FROM GALILEE?" 42 DON'T THE SCRIPTURES SAY THAT THE CHRIST WILL BE BORN FROM KING DAVID'S FAMILY, AND COME FROM BETHLEHEM, THE HOOD KING DAVID CAME FROM?" 43 SO THE CROWD WAS DIVIDED CUZ OF HIM. 44 SOME WANTED TO GRAB HIM, BUT NO ONE LAID A FINGER ON HIM.

#### **UNBELIEF OF THE JEWISH LEADERS**

45 WHEN THE TEMPLE GUARDS FINALLY GOT BACK TO THE PHARISEES AND CHIEF PRIESTS, THEY ASKED THEM, "WHY AIN'T YOU BRING HIM?"

46 THE GUARDS SAID, "WE NEVER HEARD SOMEONE TALK LIKE THIS MAN."

47 "HAVE YOU BEEN LED ASTRAY TOO?!" THE PHARISEES MOCKED. 48 "HAS ANY OF THE RULERS OR PHARISEES BELIEVED IN HIM?" 49 OF COURSE NOT! ONLY THIS STUPID CROWD, WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING BOUT THE LAW. THEY'RE CURSED!"

<sup>50</sup> THEN NICODEMUS, THE LEADER WHO HAD SPOKE WITH YESHUA BEFORE, SPOKE UP. <sup>51</sup> "DOES OUR LAW CONDEMN SOMEONE WITHOUT FIRST GIVING HIM A HEARING?" HE ASKED.

<sup>52</sup> "THEY REPLIED, "ARE YOU FROM GALILEE, TOO? LOOK IT UP, AND YOU'LL SEE IT FOR YOURSELF THAT NO PROPHET COMES OUT OF GALILEE!"

<sup>53</sup> THEN THE MEETING BROKE UP, AND EVERYONE WENT TO THEIR OWN CRIB.

## CHAPTER 8

### THE WOMAN CAUGHT HAVING AN AFFAIR

<sup>1</sup> BUT YESHUA WENT TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES. <sup>2</sup> IN THE EARLY MORNING, HE WENT BACK TO THE TEMPLE. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE A CROWD OF PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND HIM, SO HE SAT DOWN TO TEACH THEM. <sup>3</sup> THE TEACHER OF THE LAW AND PHARISEES DRAGGED A WOMAN THERE THAT THEY CAUGHT HAVING AN AFFAIR, AND THEY PUT HER IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE CROWD. <sup>4</sup> "TEACHER," THEY SAID TO YESHUA, "THIS WOMAN WAS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF HAVING AN AFFAIR. <sup>5</sup> THE LAW OF MOSES SAYS TO STONE HER. WHAT YOU GOTTA SAY BOUT THAT?"

<sup>6</sup> THEY WERE TRYING TO TRAP HIM INTO SAYING SOMETHING THAT THEY COULD USE AGAINST HIM, BUT YESHUA JUST BENT DOWN AND KEPT WRITING ON THE GROUND WITH HIS FINGER, IGNORING THEM. <sup>7</sup> THEY KEPT BUGGING HIM FOR AN ANSWER THOUGH, SO HE STOOD UP AGAIN AND SAID, **"FINE GO AHEAD, BUT LET THE**

**ONE WHO HAS NEVER SINNED THROW THE FIRST STONE."** <sup>8</sup> HE THEN STOOPED BACK DOWN AND KEPT WRITING ON THE GROUND.

<sup>9</sup> AT THAT POINT, THOSE WHO HEARD THIS STARTED LEAVING ONE BY ONE, STARTING WITH THE OLDEST, UNTIL ONLY YESHUA WAS LEFT THERE WITH THE WOMAN STILL STANDING IN FRONT OF HIM. <sup>10</sup> YESHUA STOOD UP AND ASKED HER, **"WHERE'S YOUR ACCUSERS? THERE**

**WASN'T EVEN ONE OF THEM THAT CONDEMNED YOU?"**

**11 "NO ONE, BOGG" SHE SAID. AND YESHUA SAID, "I DON'T CONDEMN YOU EITHER. GO AND , FROM NOW ON, DON'T LIVE A LIFE OF SIN ANYMORE."**

**YESHUA, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

**12 YESHUA SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE AGAIN, SAYING, "I'M THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. IF YOU FOLLOW ME, YOU AIN'T GONNA BE STUMBLING THROUGH THE DARKNESS ANYMORE, CUZ YOU'LL HAVE THE LIGHT THAT LEADS TO LIFE."**

**13 THE PHARISEES REPLIED, "HERE YOU GO AGAIN, MAKING CLAIMS BOUT YOURSELF. THAT'S WHY IT AIN'T TRUE."**

**14 YESHUA TOLD THEM, "JUST CUZ I TALK BOUT MYSELF DOESN'T MEAN WHAT I SAY AIN'T TRUE, CUZ IT IS TRUE. FIRST OF ALL, I KNOW WHERE I CAME FROM AND WHERE I'M GOING, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING BOUT WHERE I'M FROM OR GOING. 15 YOU JUDGE ME BY IMPERFECT HUMAN STANDARDS, BUT I AIN'T JUDGING ANYONE. 16 BUT EVEN IF I DID, MY JUDGEMENTS WOULD STILL BE CORRECT CUZ I AIN'T ALONE. MY DAD, WHO SENT ME, IS WITH ME. 17 EVEN YOUR OWN LAW SAYS THAT THE WORDS OF TWO WITNESSES THAT AGREE ARE TRUE. 18 I'M ONE WITNESS, AND MY DAD WHO SENT ME IS THE OTHER."**

**19 "WHERE'S YOUR DAD?" THEY ASKED.**

**"YOU DON'T KNOW ME OR MY DAD," YESHUA REPLIED. "IF YOU KNEW ME, THEN YOU WOULD**

**KNOW MY DAD TOO.”** <sup>20</sup> YESHUA SAID THESE THINGS WHILE HE WAS TEACHING IN A PART OF THE TEMPLE CALLED ‘THE TREASURY.’ BUT HE WASN’T ARRESTED, CUZ HIS TIME HADN’T COME YET.

**THE PEOPLE WHO DON’T BELIEVE ARE WARNED**

<sup>21</sup> LATER YESHUA SAID TO THEM AGAIN, **“I’M GOING AWAY. YOU’RE GONNA LOOK FOR ME BUT YOU’LL DIE IN YOUR SIN. YOU CAN’T COME WHERE I’M GOING.”**

<sup>22</sup> SO THE PEOPLE ASKED, **“IS HE GOING TO KILL HIMSELF? WHAT’S HE TALKING BOUT, ‘YOU CAN’T COME WHERE I’M GOING’?”**

<sup>23</sup> YESHUA CONTINUED, **“YOU’RE FROM BELOW; I’M FROM ABOVE. YOU BELONG TO THIS WORLD; I DON’T.”** <sup>24</sup> **THAT’S WHY I SAID, ‘YOU’LL DIE IN YOUR SINS,’ CUZ UNLESS YOU BELIEVE I AM WHO I SAY I AM, YOU’LL DIE IN YOUR SINS.”**

<sup>25</sup> **“TELL US WHO YOU ARE,”** THEY DEMANDED.

YESHUA REPLIED TO THEM, **“WHY AM I EVEN SPEAKING TO YOU AT ALL?”** <sup>26</sup> **I HAVE A LOT TO SAY BOUT YOU AND CONDEMN YOU FOR, BUT I SAY ONLY WHAT THE ONE WHO SENT ME TELLS ME. HE IS TRUE.”** <sup>27</sup> **BUT THEY STILL AIN’T UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS TALKING BOUT HIS DAD.**

<sup>28</sup> **SO YESHUA SAID, “WHEN YOU’VE LIFTED UP THE SON OF MAN, THEN YOU’LL KNOW WHO I AM. I DON’T DO ANYTHING ON MY OWN BUT I SAY ONLY WHAT MY DAD TAUGHT ME.”** <sup>29</sup> **AND THE ONE WHO SENT ME IS WITH ME; HE AIN’T ABANDONED ME, CUZ I ALWAYS DO WHAT PLEASURES HIM.”** <sup>30</sup> **AS HE**



WAS TALKING, MANY PEOPLE STARTED TO TRUST HIM.

### YESHUA AND ABRAHAM

<sup>31</sup> TO THE JEWS THAT BELIEVED HIM, YESHUA SAID, **"IF YOU HOLD ON TO MY WORDS, THEN YOU'RE REALLY MY CREW. <sup>32</sup> THEN YOU'LL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE."**

<sup>33</sup> SOME ANSWERED HIM, "WE ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED AND WE AIN'T EVER BEEN SLAVES TO ANYBODY. WHAT YOU TALKING BOUT GETTING US FREE?"

<sup>34</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"ON THE REAL, EVERYONE WHO SINS IS A SLAVE TO SIN. <sup>35</sup> A SLAVE AIN'T PART OF THE FAMILY FOREVER, BUT A SON IS. <sup>36</sup> SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU'LL REALLY BE FREE. <sup>37</sup> YES, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE ABRAHAM'S SEED. STILL, SOME OF YOU ARE READY TO KILL ME CUZ THERE'S NO SPACE IN YOUR HEART FOR MY WORDS. <sup>38</sup> I'M TELLING WHAT I SAW WHEN I WAS WITH MY DAD, BUT YOU'RE FOLLOWING YOUR DAD'S ADVICE."**

<sup>39</sup> "OUR DAD IS ABRAHAM!" THEY YELLED.

**"NO," YESHUA REPLIED. "CUZ IF YOU WERE REALLY ABRAHAM'S KIDS, THEN YOU WOULD FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE. <sup>40</sup> I TOLD YOU THE TRUTH I HEARD FROM GOD, BUT YOU'RE TRYING TO KILL ME. ABRAHAM AIN'T ACT LIKE THAT. <sup>41</sup> NAH, YOU'RE OBEYING YOUR REAL DAD WHEN YOU ACT LIKE THAT."**

"WE ARE NOT BASTARDS!" THEY PROTESTED. "WE HAVE ONE DAD: GOD HIMSELF."

## THE DEVIL'S KIDS

**42** YESHUA SAID, "IF GOD WERE YOUR DAD, YOU WOULD LOVE ME, CUZ I CAME HERE FROM GOD. I AIN'T COME HERE ON MY OWN, BUT HE SENT ME.

**43** WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TELLING YOU? IT'S CUZ Y'ALL CAN'T EVEN HEAR ME! **44** YOU BELONG TO YOUR DAD, THE DEVIL,

AND YOU WANT TO DO WHAT YOUR DAD LIKES. HE WAS A MURDERER SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING.

HE CAN'T STAND THE TRUTH, CUZ THERE'S NO TRUTH IN HIM. WHEN HE LIES, HE SPEAKS HIS OWN LANGUAGE, CUZ HE IS A LIAR AND FATHER OF LIES. **45** SO WHEN I TELL THE TRUTH, YOU

DON'T BELIEVE ME! **46** CAN ANYONE OF YOU PROVE ME GUILTY OF SIN? IF I'M TELLING THE TRUTH, WHY DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME? **47** ANYONE FROM GOD HEARS GOD'S WORDS. THE REASON YOU DON'T HEAR IS CUZ YOU'RE NOT FROM GOD."

**48** THE PEOPLE ANSWERED, "YOU SAMARITAN DEVIL! AIN'T WE SAY IT ALL ALONG THAT YOU WERE DEMON POSSESSED?"

**49** "I DON'T HAVE A DEMON," YESHUA REPLIED, "BUT I HONOR MY DAD AND YOU KEEP DISSING ME. **50** I AIN'T TRYING TO GET PROPS FOR MYSELF, BUT THERE'S ONE SEEKING IT FOR ME AND HE IS THE JUDGE. **51** I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH, IF ANYONE KEEPS MY WORD, HE WILL NEVER DIE!"

**52** THE PEOPLE SAID, "NOW WE KNOW YOU HAVE A DEMON! ABRAHAM DIED AND SO DID THE

PROPHETS, STILL YOU SAY, 'IF ANYONE KEEPS MY WORD, HE WILL NEVER DIE!' <sup>53</sup> ARE YOU GREATER THAN OUR DAD ABRAHAM? HE DIED! THE PROPHETS DIED! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?"

<sup>54</sup> YESHUA ANSWERED, "IF I GIVE PROPS TO MYSELF, MY PROPS MEAN NOTHING; IT'S MY DAD WHO GIVES PROPS TO ME. YOU KEEP SAYING, 'HE IS OUR GOD,' <sup>55</sup> BUT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM. I KNOW HIM. IF I SAID I AIN'T, I WOULD BE AN EVEN BIGGER LIAR THAN YOU! BUT I DO KNOW AND OBEY HIM. <sup>56</sup> YOUR DAD ABRAHAM JUMPED FOR JOY AS HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MY DAY. HE SAW IT AND WAS HAPPY."

<sup>57</sup> THE PEOPLE SAID, "YOU AIN'T EVEN FIFTY YEARS OLD. HOW ARE YOU GONNA SAY YOU'VE SEEN ABRAHAM?"

<sup>58</sup> YESHUA ANSWERED, "ON THE REAL, I'M EXISTING BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS EVEN BORN!"

<sup>59</sup> AT THAT POINT, THEY PICKED UP STONES TO KILL HIM; BUT YESHUA HID HIMSELF FROM THEM AND LEFT THE TEMPLE.

## CHAPTER 9

### YESHUA HEALS A DUDE BORN BLIND

<sup>1</sup> AS YESHUA WAS WALKING, HE SAW A DUDE THAT WAS BORN BLIND. <sup>2</sup> HIS CREW ASKED HIM, "TEACHER, WHY WAS THIS DUDE BORN BLIND? WAS IT CUZ HIS PARENTS SINNED, OR WAS IT HIS OWN SIN?" <sup>3</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, "IT WASN'T CUZ OF HIS SINS, OR HIS PARENT, BUT THIS HAPPENED SO THAT PEOPLE CAN SEE GOD'S WORK IN HIS LIFE. <sup>4</sup> AS LONG AS IT'S DAY, WE MUST DO THE WORK WE WERE SENT TO DO. THE NIGHT IS COMING WHEN NO ONE CAN WORK. <sup>5</sup> AS

**LONG AS I'M HERE IN THE WORLD, I'M THE WORLD'S LIGHT."** <sup>6</sup> AFTER SAYING THIS, YESHUA SPIT ON THE GROUND AND MADE SOME MUD WITH THE SPIT. THEN HE COVERED THE BLIND DUDE'S EYES WITH THE MUD. <sup>7</sup> **"GO,"** HE TOLD HIM, **"AND WASH YOURSELF IN THE POOL OF SILOAM"** (SILOAM MEANS "SENT"). SO THE DUDE LEFT TO GO WASH HIS EYES, AND HE CAME BACK SEEING!

<sup>8</sup> HIS NEIGHBORS AND THOSE WHO USED TO SEE HIM BEGGING ASKED, "AIN'T THIS THE SAME DUDE THAT YOU USED TO SIT AND BEG?" <sup>9</sup> SOME SAID HE WAS, BUT OTHERS SAID, "NAH, BUT HE SURE LOOKS LIKE HIM." BUT HE KEPT SAYING, "I'M THAT DUDE!" <sup>10</sup> SO THEY ASKED HIM, "HOW COME YOU CAN SEE NOW?" <sup>11</sup> HE REPLIED, "THE GUY THEY CALL YESHUA MADE SOME MUD AND PUT IT ON MY EYES. HE TOLD ME TO GO TO SILOAM AND WASH IT OFF. SO I WENT AND WASHED IT OFF, AND THEN I COULD SEE." <sup>12</sup> AT THAT POINT, THEY ASKED HIM, "WHERE IS THIS GUY?" AND HE SAID, "I DON'T KNOW."

#### **THE PHARISEES INVESTIGATES THE HEALING**

<sup>13</sup> THE PEOPLE BROUGHT THE GUY THAT USED TO BE BLIND TO THE PHARISEES. <sup>14</sup> IT JUST SO HAPPENED THAT IT WAS SABBATH WHEN YESHUA MADE THE MUD AND HEALED THE BLIND GUY. <sup>15</sup> SO THE PHARISEES STARTED ASKING HIM HOW HE GOT HIS SIGHT. SO HE TOLD THEM, "HE PUT MUD ON MY EYES, AND WHEN I WASHED IT OFF, I COULD SEE!" <sup>16</sup> SOME OF THE PHARISEES SAID, "THIS MAN YESHUA AIN'T FROM GOD, CUZ HE KEEPS WORKING ON THE SABBATH." OTHERS SAID, "BUT HOW CAN A REGULAR SINNER DO THESE MIRACLES? SO THEY WERE DIVIDED IN THEIR OPINIONS. <sup>17</sup> SO THEY STARTED QUESTIONING THE ONCE BLIND MAN AGAIN, "WHAT DO YOU THINK BOUT THIS DUDE THAT HEALED YOU?" THE MAN REPLIED, "HE'S GOT TO BE A PROPHET." <sup>18</sup> THEY STARTED TO SAY THAT MAYBE THIS GUY WAS NEVER BLIND AT ALL BUT HE COULD SEE ALL THE TIME, SO THEY CALLED FOR THIS GUY'S PARENTS. <sup>19</sup> THEY ASKED THEM, "IS THIS YOUR SON? WAS HE REALLY BORN

BLIND? IF SO, THEN HOW COME HE CAN SEE NOW?" <sup>20</sup> THE PARENTS ANSWERED, "WE KNOW THAT HE IS OUR SON AND THAT HE WAS BORN BLIND. <sup>21</sup> BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW HE CAN SEE NOW, AND WHO HEALED HIM. ASK HIM. HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO SPEAK FOR HIMSELF." <sup>22</sup> HIS PARENTS SAID THIS CUZ THEY WERE SCARED OF THE JEWS. THE JEWS HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO THROW OUT OF THE GYNAGOGUE WHOEVER CONFESSED THAT YESHUA WAS THE CHRIST. <sup>23</sup> SO THEY SAID, "HE'S OLD ENOUGH. ASK HIM."

<sup>24</sup> SO THEY CALLED THE MAN IN FOR THE SECOND TIME. "GIVE GOD THE GLORY," THEY SAID. "WE KNOW THIS DUDE IS A SINNER." <sup>25</sup> HE REPLIED, "I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE'S A SINNER OR NOT. ONE THING I DO KNOW THOUGH: I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE!" <sup>26</sup> THEN THEY ASKED HIM, "WHAT DID HE DO TO YOU? HOW DID HE OPEN YOUR EYES?" <sup>27</sup> HE ANSWERED, "I ALREADY TOLD YOU, AND YOU AIN'T LISTEN. WHY DO YOU WANT TO HEAR IT AGAIN? ARE YOU TRYING TO JOIN HIS CREW, TOO?" <sup>28</sup> THEN THEY CURSED HIM OUT AND SAID, "YOU'RE PART OF HIS CREW, BUT WE ARE PART OF MOSES' CREW! <sup>29</sup> WE KNOW GOD SPOKE TO MOSES, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS DUDE CAME FROM." <sup>30</sup> THE MAN ANSWERED, "WOW, THAT'S WEIRD! YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM, BUT STILL HE OPENED MY EYES. <sup>31</sup> WE KNOW THAT GOD DOESN'T LISTEN TO SINNERS, BUT HE WILL LISTEN TO A GODLY PERSON IF THEY DO WHAT HE WANTS. <sup>32</sup> EVER SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN, NOBODY HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO HEAL SOMEONE BORN BLIND. <sup>33</sup> IF HE WASN'T FROM GOD, HE COULDN'T DO A THING." <sup>34</sup> "YOU WERE BORN DRENCHED IN SIN!" THEY ANSWERED. "NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO TEACH US?" AND THEY TOGGED HIM OUT THE GYNAGOGUE.

### **SPIRITUALLY BLIND**

<sup>35</sup> YESHUA HEARD THAT THEY HAD THROWN HIM OUT, SO WHEN HE FOUND HIM, HE SAID, "**DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SON OF MAN?**" <sup>36</sup> THE DUDE ANSWERED, "WHO'S THAT, BOGG? TELL ME SO I CAN BELIEVE." <sup>37</sup> YESHUA SAID, "**YOU'VE SEEN**

HIM, AND HE'S TALKING WITH YOU RIGHT NOW." <sup>38</sup>  
 "YEG, BOGG, I BELIEVE!" THE MAN SAID. AND HE  
 THREW HIMSELF AT HIS FEET AND STARTED  
 PRAISING HIM. <sup>39</sup> YEGHUA SAID, "I'VE COME TO  
 THIS WORLD TO JUDGE, TO GIVE SIGHT TO THE  
 BLIND AND TO SHOW THOSE WHO THINK THEY  
 SEE THAT THEY ARE REALLY BLIND." <sup>40</sup> SOME  
 PHARISEES NEARBY HEARD HIM AND ASKED, "ARE  
 YOU CALLING US BLIND?" <sup>41</sup> YEGHUA REPLIED, "IF  
 YOU WERE BLIND, THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE  
 GUILTY AS SIN; BUT SINCE YOU'RE CLAIMING  
 THAT YOU CAN SEE, THEN YOU'RE STILL GUILTY."

## CHAPTER 10

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

<sup>1</sup> "ON THE REAL, ANYONE WHO HOPS OVER THE  
 FENCE OF A SHEEP PEN, INSTEAD OF GOING  
 THROUGH THE GATE, HAS GOT TO BE A THIEF AND  
 A CROOK! <sup>2</sup> CUZ THE SHEPHERD COMES  
 THROUGH THE GATE. <sup>3</sup> THE SECURITY GUARD  
 OPENS THE GATE FOR HIM, AND THE SHEEP HEAR  
 HIS VOICE AND COME TO HIM. HE EVEN CALLS HIS  
 SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS 'EM OUT. <sup>4</sup> AFTER  
 HE'S ROUNDED UP HIS OWN FLOCK, HE WALKS  
 AHEAD OF 'EM, AND THEY FOLLOW HIM CUZ THEY  
 RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE. <sup>5</sup> THEY WON'T FOLLOW A  
 STRANGER; BUT INSTEAD, THEY WILL RUN FROM  
 HIM CUZ THEY DON'T RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE."

<sup>6</sup> THIS ILLUSTRATION WENT OVER THE HEADS  
 OF THOSE WHO HEARD YEGHUA, <sup>7</sup> SO HE BROKE IT  
 DOWN TO THEM. "ON THE REAL, I'M THE GATE  
 FOR THE SHEEP," HE SAID. <sup>8</sup> "ALL OTHERS WHO



CAME BEFORE ME WERE THIEVES AND CROOKS. BUT THE REAL SHEEP AIN'T LISTEN TO THEM. <sup>9</sup> YES, I'M THE GATE. THOSE WHO COME IN THROUGH ME WILL BE SAVED. WHEREVER THEY GO, THEY'LL FIND GREEN PASTURES. <sup>10</sup> THE THIEF ONLY WANTS TO STEAL, KILL, AND DESTROY. BUT I CAME TO GIVE 'EM LIFE, SO THEY CAN LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST."

<sup>11</sup> "I'M THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. <sup>12</sup> A HIRED HAND DOESN'T OWN THE SHEEP, SO HE WILL BOUNCE WHEN HE SEES A WOLF COMING AND LEAVE THE SHEEP ALL ALONE. THEN THE WOLF ATTACKS THE SHEEP AND SCATTERS THE FLOCK. <sup>13</sup> THE REASON THE HIRED HAND RUNS AWAY IS CUZ HE'S ONLY WORKING FOR THE MONEY AND DOESN'T REALLY CARE BOUT THE SHEEP.

<sup>14</sup> "I'M THE GOOD SHEPHERD; I KNOW MY SHEEP, AND THEY KNOW ME, <sup>15</sup> JUST LIKE MY DAD KNOWS ME AND I KNOW DAD. AND I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP. <sup>16</sup> I HAVE OTHER SHEEP, TOO, THAT ARE NOT IN THIS SHEEP PEN. I MUST BRING THEM ALSO. THEY'LL LISTEN TO MY VOICE, AND THEN THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE FLOCK WITH ONE SHEPHERD.

<sup>17</sup> "DAD LOVES ME CUZ I LAY DOWN MY LIFE- ONLY TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN. <sup>18</sup> NO ONE CAN TAKE MY LIFE FROM ME. I LAY DOWN MY LIFE CUZ I

**WANT TO. I HAVE THE POWER TO LAY IT DOWN WHEN I WANT TO AND ALSO THE POWER TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN. THIS IS WHAT MY DAD ORDERED ME TO DO.”**

<sup>19</sup> WHEN HE SAID THESE THINGS, THE PEOPLE AGAIN HAD SPLIT OPINIONS BOUT HIM. <sup>20</sup> SOME OF ‘EM SAID, “HE HAS A DEMON, OR HE’S NUTS. WHY LISTEN TO A GUY LIKE THAT?” <sup>21</sup> OTHERS SAID, “THIS DOESN’T SOUND LIKE A MAN WITH A DEMON! CAN A DEMON OPEN THE EYES OF THE BLIND?”

### **YESHUA CLAIMS TO BE GOD’S SON**

<sup>22</sup> IT WAS NOW WINTER AND YESHUA WAS IN JERUSALEM AT THE TIME OF HANUKKAH. <sup>23</sup> HE WAS AT THE TEMPLE, STROLLING THROUGH THE SECTION THEY CALLED SOLOMON’S COLONNADE. <sup>24</sup> THE JEWISH LEADERS SURROUNDED HIM AND ASKED, “HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP US ON OUR TOES? IF YOU’RE THE MESSIAH, TELL US STRAIGHT OUT?”

<sup>25</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **“I ALREADY TOLD YOU, AND YOU STILL DON’T BELIEVE ME. YOU CAN SEE THE PROOF IN THE THINGS I DO IN MY DAD’S NAME. <sup>26</sup> BUT YOU DON’T BELIEVE ME CUZ YOU AIN’T PART OF MY FLOCK. <sup>27</sup> MY SHEEP RECOGNIZE MY VOICE; I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME. <sup>28</sup> I GIVE ‘EM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY WILL NEVER DIE. NO ONE WILL SNATCH ‘EM AWAY FROM ME, <sup>29</sup> CUZ MY DAD GAVE ‘EM TO ME, AND HE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ANYONE ELSE. SO NO ONE CAN TAKE ‘EM FROM ME. <sup>30</sup> DAD AND I ARE ONE.”**

<sup>31</sup> ONCE AGAIN THE JEWISH LEADERS PICKED UP STONES TO KILL HIM. <sup>32</sup> YESHUA SAID, **“AT MY DAD’S DIRECTION, I’VE DONE A LOT OF**

**THINGS TO HELP THE PEOPLE. FOR WHICH ONE OF THESE GOOD DEEDS ARE YOU KILLING ME?"**

**33** THEY REPLIED, "NOT FOR ANY GOOD WORK, BUT FOR BLASPHEMY, CUZ YOU, A MERE MAN, HAVE MADE YOURSELF GOD."

**34** YESHUA REPLIED, "IT'S WRITTEN IN YOUR OWN LAW THAT GOD TOLD A GROUP OF PEOPLE, 'I SAY, YOU'RE GODS!' (PSALMS 82:6) **35** AND YOU KNOW THAT THE SCRIPTURES DON'T LIE. SO IF THOSE PEOPLE, WHO RECEIVED GOD'S MESSAGE, WERE CALLED 'GODS,' **36** WHY DO YOU CALL IT BLASPHEMY WHEN THE HOLY ONE WHO WAS SENT INTO THE WORLD BY HIS DAD SAYS, 'I'M THE SON OF GOD'? **37** DON'T BELIEVE ME UNLESS I CARRY OUT MY DAD'S WORK. **38** BUT IF I DO HIS WORK, BELIEVE IN WHAT I'VE DONE, EVEN IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME. THEN YOU'LL REALIZE THAT DAD IS IN ME, AND I'M IN DAD."

**39** ONCE AGAIN THEY TRIED TO ARREST HIM, BUT HE GOT AWAY AND LEFT THEM. **40** HE WENT PAST THE JORDAN RIVER TO STAY NEAR THE SPOT WHERE JOHN WAS FIRST BAPTIZING. **41** AND MANY FOLLOWED HIM. "JOHN AIN'T DO MIRACLES," THEY SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, "BUT ALL HIS PREDICTIONS BOUT THIS GUY CAME TRUE." **42** AND MANY BELIEVED IN HIM THERE.

## **CHAPTER 11**

### **LAZARUS DIES**

**1** NOW THERE WAS A DUDE NAMED LAZARUS WHO WAS SICK. HE LIVED IN BETHANY WITH HIS SISTERS, MARY AND MARTHA. **2** THIS IS THE MARY WHO Poured THE EXPENSIVE PERFUME ON THE BOSS' FEET AND WIPEd THEM WITH HER HAIR. HER BROTHER, LAZARUS, WAS SICK. **3** GO THE TWO SISTERS SENT A MESSAGE TO YESHUA SAYING, "BOSS, YOUR HOMIE IS SICK."

4 BUT WHEN YESHUA HEARD BOUT IT HE SAID, **"LAZARUS' SICKNESS AIN'T GOING TO END IN DEATH. NAH, BUT IT'S FOR GOD'S GLORY SO THAT GOD'S SON WILL GET PROPS FROM IT."** 5 ALTHOUGH YESHUA HAD LOVE FOR MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS, 6 HE STAYED WHERE HE WAS AT FOR TWO MORE DAYS AND AIN'T GO TO THEM. 7 FINALLY AFTER TWO DAYS, HE SAID TO HIS CREW, **"LET'S GO BACK TO JUDEA."**

8 BUT HIS CREW AIN'T WANT TO. "TEACHER," THEY SAID, "JUST A FEW DAYS AGO THE PEOPLE IN THAT HOOD WERE TRYING TO MURK YOU! AND YOU WANT TO GO BACK?"

9 YESHUA REPLIED, **"THERE'S TWELVE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT EVERY DAY. AS LONG AS IT'S LIGHT OUT, PEOPLE CAN WALK SAFELY. THEY CAN SEE CUZ THEY HAVE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. 10 BUT IF ANYONE WALKS AT NIGHT, HE STUMBLES, CUZ HE HAS NO LIGHT."** 11 THEN HE SAID, **"OUR FRIEND LAZARUS IS SLEEPING, BUT NOW I'M GOING TO WAKE HIM UP."**

12 THE CREW SAID, "BOGS, IF HE'S SLEEPING, THAT MEANS HE'S GETTING BETTER!" 13 THEY THOUGHT YESHUA MEANT LAZARUS WAS TAKING A NAP, BUT YESHUA MEANT LAZARUS HAD DIED.

14 SO HE TOLD 'EM STRAIGHT OUT, **"LAZARUS IS DEAD. 15 AND FOR YOUR GOOD, I'M GLAD I WASN'T THERE CUZ THIS WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE TO BELIEVE. COME, LET'S GO SEE HIM."**

16 THOMAS, WHOSE NICKNAME WAS THE TWIN, SAID TO THE REST OF THE CREW, "LET'S GO, TOO--AND DIE WITH YESHUA."

17 WHEN YESHUA FINALLY GOT TO BETHANY, HE WAS TOLD THAT LAZARUS HAD ALREADY BEEN IN THE GRAVE FOR FOUR DAYS. 18 BETHANY WAS

ONLY A FEW MILES DOWN THE ROAD FROM JERUSALEM, <sup>19</sup> AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE HAD COME TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS AND CONSOLE MARY AND MARTHA ON THEIR LOSS. <sup>20</sup> WHEN MARTHA GOT WORD THAT YESHUA WAS COMING, SHE WENT OUT TO MEET HIM, BUT MARY STAYED AT THE CRIB. <sup>21</sup> MARTHA SAID TO YESHUA, "BOGG, IF YOU'D BEEN HERE, MY BROTHER WOULDN'T OF DIED. <sup>22</sup> BUT EVEN NOW I KNOW GOD WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK."

<sup>23</sup> YESHUA TOLD HER, **"YOUR BROTHER WILL RISE AGAIN."**

<sup>24</sup> "YEAH," MARTHA SAID, "WHEN EVERYONE ELSE RISES, ON THE RESURRECTION DAY."

<sup>25</sup> YESHUA TOLD HER, **"I'M THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN AFTER DYING."**

<sup>26</sup> **AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS, MARTHA?"**

<sup>27</sup> "YES, BOGG," SHE RESPONDED. "I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED YOU'RE THE MESSIAH, GOD'S SON, THE ONE WHO CAME INTO THIS WORLD FROM GOD."

<sup>28</sup> THEN SHE LEFT HIM, AND WENT BACK TO MARY. SHE CALLED MARY TO THE SIDE, AWAY FROM THE MOURNERS, AND TOLD HER, "THE TEACHER IS HERE AND WANTS TO SEE YOU." <sup>29</sup> SO MARY WENT TO HIM AT ONCE.

<sup>30</sup> NOW YESHUA HAD STAYED OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE, AT THE PLACE WHERE MARTHA MET HIM. <sup>31</sup> WHEN THE PEOPLE WHO WERE AT THE HOUSE TRYING TO CONSOLE MARY SAW HER LEAVE SO QUICKLY, THEY FIGURED SHE WAS GOING TO LAZARUS' GRAVE TO SHED SOME TEARS. SO THEY FOLLOWED HER THERE. <sup>32</sup> WHEN MARY ARRIVED AND SAW YESHUA, SHE FELL DOWN AT HIS FEET AND SAID, "BOGG, IF YOU HAD JUST BEEN HERE, MY BROTHER WOULDN'T HAVE DIED!"

<sup>33</sup> WHEN YESHUA SAW HER CRYING AND SAW THE OTHER PEOPLE WAILING WITH HER, HE WAS

REALLY HURT. <sup>34</sup> **"WHERE'D YOU PUT 'EM?"** HE ASKED THEM.

THEY TOLD HIM, "BOGG, COME AND SEE." <sup>35</sup> THEN YESHUA CRIED. <sup>36</sup> THOSE STANDING NEARBY SAID, "SEE, HOW MUCH HE LOVED HIM." <sup>37</sup> BUT OTHERS SAID, "THIS MAN HEALED A BLIND DUDE. WHY COULDN'T HE KEEP LAZARUS FROM DYING?"

#### **YESHUA RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD**

<sup>38</sup> YESHUA WAS STILL DEEPLY HURT AS HE GOT TO THE GRAVE. IT WAS A CAVE WITH A STONE BLOCKING THE ENTRANCE. <sup>39</sup> **"ROLL THE STONE OUT OF THE WAY."** YESHUA TOLD 'EM.

BUT MARTHA, THE DEAD MAN'S SISTER, SAID, "BOGG, BY NOW HE'LL BE STINKING SINCE HE'S BEEN DEAD FOUR DAYS."

<sup>40</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT YOU'LL SEE GOD'S GLORY IF YOU BELIEVE?"** <sup>41</sup> SO THEY ROLLED THE STONE OUT OF THE WAY. THEN YESHUA LOOKED UP TO THE SKY AND SAID, **"DAD, THANKS FOR HEARING ME. <sup>42</sup> YOU ALWAYS HEAR ME, BUT I SAID IT OUT LOUD FOR THESE PEOPLE'S SAKE, THAT THEY'LL BELIEVE YOU SENT ME."** <sup>43</sup> THEN YESHUA YELLED, **"LAZARUS, COME OUT!"** <sup>44</sup> AND LAZARUS CAME OUT, WRAPPED UP LIKE A MUMMY. YESHUA TOLD 'EM, **"UNWRAP HIM AND LET HIM GO!"**

#### **PLOTTING TO MURK YESHUA**

<sup>45</sup> MANY OF THE PEOPLE WITH MARY BELIEVED IN YESHUA WHEN THEY SAW THIS HAPPEN. <sup>46</sup> BUT SOME RAN TO THE PHARISEES AND TOLD 'EM WHAT YESHUA DID. <sup>47</sup> THEN THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND PHARISEES GATHERED THE HIGH COUNCIL TOGETHER. "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?" THEY ASKED EACH OTHER. "THIS MAN KEEPS DOING THESE MIRACLES. <sup>48</sup> IF WE LEAVE HIM ALONE, SOON EVERYONE WILL FOLLOW HIM, AND THEN THE ROMANS WILL COME AND DESTROY OUR TEMPLE AND NATION."



49 AND ONE OF THEM, CAIAPHAS, WHO HAPPENED TO BE HIGH PRIEST THAT YEAR, SAID, "HOW CAN YOU BE SO STUPID? 50 DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S BETTER FOR ONE MAN TO DIE THAN THE WHOLE NATION TO BE DESTROYED?"

51 HE AIN'T COME UP WITH THIS ALL BY HIMSELF, BUT SINCE HE HAPPENED TO BE HIGH PRIEST AT THE TIME, HE WAS LED TO PROPHECY THAT YESHUA WOULD DIE FOR THE ENTIRE NATION. 52 NOT ONLY FOR THE NATION THOUGH, BUT FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF GOD SCATTERED AROUND THE WORLD; IN ORDER, TO GATHER THEM ALL TOGETHER AS ONE.

53 SO FROM THAT POINT ON, THE JEWISH LEADERS BEGAN PLOTTING TO MURK YESHUA. 54 AS A RESULT, YESHUA STOPPED WALKING FREELY AMONG THE PEOPLE, AND LEFT JERUSALEM. HE WENT TO A PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE; A HOOD CALLED EPHRAIM, AND STAYED THERE WITH HIS CREW.

55 IT WAS NOW ALMOST TIME TO CELEBRATE THE PASSOVER, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND THE COUNTRY CAME TO JERUSALEM EARLY FOR THE CLEANING RITUALS BEFORE THE CELEBRATION. 56 THEY WANTED TO SEE YESHUA, AND AS THEY TALKED IN THE TEMPLE, THEY ASKED EACH OTHER, "WHAT YOU THINK? WILL HE COME FOR THE PASSOVER?" 57 IN THE MEANTIME, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND PHARISEES HAD ORDERED ANYONE SEEING YESHUA TO SNITCH ON HIM SO THEY COULD ARREST HIM.

## CHAPTER 12

### YESHUA ANOINTED AT BETHANY

1 SIX DAYS BEFORE THE PASSOVER CELEBRATION BEGAN, YESHUA ARRIVED AT BETHANY, AT LAZARUS' CRIB—THE ONE HE HAD RAISED FROM THE DEAD. 2 THEY THREW A DINNER PARTY IN YESHUA'S HONOR. MARTHA SERVED AND LAZARUS WAS THERE EATING WITH THEM TOO. 3 THEN MARY TOOK A TWELVE-OUNCE JAR OF EXPENSIVE PERFUME, MADE OF PURE NARD, AND POURED IT ON YESHUA'S FEET, WIPING HIS FEET WITH HER HAIR. THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH THE SMELL OF THE PERFUME.

4 BUT JUDAS ISCARIOT, THE ONE WHO WOULD SOON BACKSTAB HIM, SAID, 5 "THAT PERFUME WAS WORTH A YEAR'S PAY. WHY WASN'T IT GOLD AND GIVEN TO THE POOR?" 6 HE AIN'T REALLY CARE BOUT THE POOR. IN FACT, HE WAS A THIEF AND SINCE HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CREW'S MONEY, HE OFTEN STOLE SOME FOR HIMSELF.

7 YESHUA SAID, **"LEAVE HER ALONE! SHE DID THIS TO GET ME READY FOR MY BURIAL. 8 YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE THE POOR AROUND YOU, BUT YOU WON'T ALWAYS HAVE ME."**

9 WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE HEARD THAT YESHUA HAD ARRIVED, THEY RAN TO SEE HIM AND LAZARUS ALSO, THE DUDE HE RAISED FROM THE DEAD. 10 THEN THE PRIESTS IN CHARGE DECIDED TO KILL LAZARUS ALSO, 11 CUZ IT WAS HIS FAULT THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE HAD TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THEM AND BELIEVED IN YESHUA.

#### **YESHUA MAKES A BIG ENTRANCE**

12 THE NEXT DAY THE HUGE CROWD THAT HAD COME FOR THE FESTIVAL GOT WORD THAT YESHUA WAS ON HIS WAY TO JERUSALEM, 13 SO THEY TOOK PALM BRANCHES AND WENT OUT TO MEET HIM, YELLING,

"GAVE US, WE PRAY YOU!"

"BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN YHWH'S NAME, EVEN ISRAEL'S KING!" (PSALM 118:26)

14 AND YESHUA FOUND A YOUNG DONKEY AND RODE IN ON IT, JUST AS IT'S WRITTEN IN A PROPHECY SAYING,

15 "DON'T BE AFRAID PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM. LOOK, YOUR KING IS COMING, RIDING ON A DONKEY'S COLT." (ZECHARIAH 9:9)

16 ALL THIS WENT OVER HIS CREW'S HEADS AT FIRST, BUT ONLY AFTER YESHUA WAS GLORIFIED DID THEY REALIZE THAT ALL THESE THINGS WERE WRITTEN BOUT HIM.

17 THOSE IN THE CROWD WHO SAW YESHUA CALL LAZARUS OUT OF THE TOMB, AND RAISE HIM FROM THE DEAD, WERE TELLING OTHERS BOUT IT. 18 THAT WAS THE REASON SO MANY WENT OUT TO MEET HIM, CUZ THEY HEARD OF THIS MIRACLE. 19 THEN THE PHARISEES SAID TO

EACH OTHER, "THIS IS GETTING US NOWHERE. LOOK! THE WHOLE WORLD IS FOLLOWING HIM!"

### YESHUA PREDICTS HIS DEATH

<sup>20</sup> NOW THERE WERE SOME GREEKS IN THE CROWD OF PEOPLE WHO WENT TO WORSHIP AT THE PARTY. <sup>21</sup> THEY CAME TO PHILLIP, WHO WAS FROM A HOOD NAMED BETHSAIDA IN GALILEE, AND ASKED, "BOSS, WE WOULD LIKE TO LINK UP WITH YESHUA." <sup>22</sup> PHILLIP WENT TO TELL ANDREW, AND THEY BOTH TOLD YESHUA.

<sup>23</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE SON OF MAN TO BE GLORIFIED. <sup>24</sup> ON THE REAL, UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES, IT REMAINS ALONE. BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES A LOT OF FRUIT. <sup>25</sup> THOSE WHO LOVE THEIR LIVES IN THIS WORLD WILL LOSE IT. THOSE WHO DON'T CARE AT ALL BOUT THEIR LIFE IN THIS WORLD WILL KEEP IT FOREVER. <sup>26</sup> WHOEVER SERVES ME MUST FOLLOW ME, AND MY SERVANTS WILL BE WHERE I AM. AND MY DAD WILL GIVE PROPS TO ANYONE WHO SERVES ME. <sup>27</sup> NOW MY HEART IS HEAVY, SO WHAT SHOULD I SAY? 'DAD SAVE ME FROM WHAT IS COMING'? NAH, CUZ THIS WAS THE VERY REASON THAT I CAME. <sup>28</sup> DAD, BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME!"**

JUST THEN, A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN SAYING, "I'VE ALREADY BROUGHT GLORY TO IT, AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN!" <sup>29</sup> WHEN THE CROWD HEARD THIS, SOME THOUGHT IT WAS JUST THUNDER, BUT OTHERS SAID THAT AN ANGEL SPOKE TO HIM. <sup>30</sup> YESHUA SAID, **"THE VOICE WAS FOR YOUR GOOD, NOT MINES. <sup>31</sup> THE TIME FOR JUDGING THIS WORLD IS HERE, AND THE RULER OF THIS WORLD, SATAN, WILL BE EVICTED. <sup>32</sup> AND**

**WHEN I'M LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, I'LL DRAW EVERYONE TO ME."** <sup>33</sup> HE SAID THIS TO SHOW HOW HE WAS GOING TO DIE. <sup>34</sup> THE CROWD SPOKE UP, "WE HEARD THE SCRIPTURES SAY THE MESSIAH WILL LIVE FOREVER, SO HOW COME YOU'RE SAYING, '**THE SON OF MAN WILL DIE**'? JUST WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN, ANYWAY?"

<sup>35</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, "**MY LIGHT WILL SHINE FOR Y'ALL FOR JUST A LITTLE LONGER. WALK IN THE LIGHT WHILE YOU CAN, SO THE DARKNESS DOESN'T CATCH UP WITH YOU. THOSE WHO WALK IN THE DARKNESS CAN'T SEE WHERE THEY'RE GOING.**" <sup>36</sup> **PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE LIGHT WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME AND THEN YOU'LL BE KIDS OF LIGHT.**" WHEN HE WAS DONE SPEAKING, YESHUA LEFT AND HID HIMSELF FROM THEM.

#### **THE PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE**

<sup>37</sup> EVEN THOUGH YESHUA DID ALL THESE MIRACLES, MOST OF THE PEOPLE STILL AIN'T BELIEVE IN HIM. <sup>38</sup> THIS IS JUST WHAT ISAIAH THE PROPHET HAD PREDICTED:

"YHWH, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR MESSAGE? WHO HAS SEEN AND UNDERSTOOD YHWH'S POWERFUL ARM?" (ISAIAH 53:1)

<sup>39</sup> BUT THE PEOPLE COULDN'T BELIEVE, CUZ ISAIAH ALSO SAID,

<sup>40</sup> "HE'S BLINDED THEIR EYES, AND HARDENED THEIR HEARTS, SO THEIR EYES CAN'T SEE, AND THEIR HEARTS CAN'T UNDERSTAND, AND THEY CAN'T TURN AROUND AND LET ME HEAL THEM." (ISAIAH 6:10)

<sup>41</sup> ISAIAH WAS TALKING BOUT YESHUA WHEN HE SAID THIS BACK IN THE DAY, CUZ HE SAW THE FUTURE AND SPOKE BOUT YESHUA'S GLORY. <sup>42</sup> A LOT OF PEOPLE DID BELIEVE IN HIM THOUGH, EVEN SOME OF THE JEWISH LEADERS. STILL, THEY WOULDN'T ADMIT IT CUZ THEY WERE SCARED THAT THE PHARISEES WOULD KICK 'EM

OUT OF THE SYNAGOGUE. <sup>43</sup> CAUSE THEY LOVED HUMAN PROPS MORE THAN THE PROPS THAT CAME FROM GOD.

<sup>44</sup> YESHUA YELLED OUT TO THE CROWD, "IF YOU TRUST ME, YOU'RE TRUSTING NOT ONLY ME, BUT ALSO GOD WHO SENT ME. <sup>45</sup> CAUSE WHEN YOU SEE ME, YOU ARE ALSO SEEING THE ONE WHO SENT ME. <sup>46</sup> I CAME AS A LIGHT TO SHINE IN THIS DARK WORLD, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO KEEPS IT REAL WITH ME WON'T HAVE TO BE IN THE DARK ANYMORE. <sup>47</sup> I AIN'T GOING TO JUDGE THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T OBEY ME, CUZ I CAME TO SAVE THE WORLD, NOT JUDGE IT. <sup>48</sup> STILL, ALL THOSE WHO REJECT ME AND MY MESSAGE WILL BE JUDGED ON JUDGMENT DAY BY THE TRUTH I'VE SPOKEN. <sup>49</sup> I AIN'T SPEAKING ON MY OWN AUTHORITY. DAD SENT ME AND TOLD ME WHAT TO SAY AND HOW TO SAY IT. <sup>50</sup> AND I KNOW HIS COMMANDS LEAD TO ETERNAL LIFE, SO I SAY WHATEVER DAD TELLS ME TO SAY."

## CHAPTER 13

### YESHUA WASHES HIS CREW'S FEET

<sup>1</sup> JUST BEFORE THE PASSOVER FESTIVAL, YESHUA KNEW THE TIME HAD COME FOR HIM TO LEAVE THIS WORLD AND GO TO HIS DAD. HE LOVED HIS CREW ON EARTH EVEN DOWN TO THE END. <sup>2</sup> IT WAS NOW TIME FOR SUPPER, AND THE DEVIL HAD ALREADY PUT THE IDEA TO BETRAY YESHUA IN THE MIND OF JUDAS, SIMON ISCARIOT'S SON. <sup>3</sup> YESHUA KNEW THAT HIS DAD HAD GIVEN HIM POWER OVER EVERYTHING, AND HE HAD COME FROM GOD AND WAS GOING BACK TO GOD. <sup>4</sup> SO HE GOT UP FROM THE TABLE, TOOK OFF HIS CLOTHES, WRAPPED A TOWEL AROUND HIS WAIST, <sup>5</sup> AND Poured WATER INTO A BOWL. THEN HE BEGAN WASHING HIS CREW'S

FEET, AND DRYING THEM WITH THE TOWEL AROUND HIM.

<sup>6</sup> WHEN IT WAS SIMON PETER'S TURN, PETER SAID, "BOSS, ARE YOU GOING TO WASH MY FEET?"

<sup>7</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, "YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M DOING NOW, BUT ONE DAY YOU'LL UNDERSTAND."

<sup>8</sup> PETER WASN'T HAVING THAT, SO HE SAID, "NO, YOU'LL NEVER EVER WASH MY FEET!"

BUT YESHUA REPLIED, "UNLESS I WASH YOU, YOU CAN'T BE DOWN WITH ME."

<sup>9</sup> SO SIMON PETER YELLED, "THEN WASH MY HANDS AND HEAD TOO, BOSS, NOT JUST MY FEET!"

<sup>10</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, "A PERSON WHO ALREADY TOOK A FULL BATH DOESN'T NEED TO WASH EVERYTHING ALL OVER AGAIN, EXCEPT FOR HIS FEET, TO BE FULLY CLEAN. AND YOU'RE CLEAN, BUT NOT ALL OF Y'ALL." " YESHUA KNEW WHO WAS BOUT TO GEL HIM OUT, SO THAT'S WHY HE SAID, "NOT ALL OF Y'ALL ARE CLEAN."

<sup>12</sup> AFTER WASHING HIS CREW'S FEET, HE PUT HIS CLOTHES BACK ON AGAIN, SAT DOWN, AND ASKED, "DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I WAS DOING?" <sup>13</sup> YOU CALL ME, 'TEACHER' AND 'BOSS,' AND YOU'RE RIGHT CUZ THAT'S WHAT I AM. <sup>14</sup> AND SINCE I, YOUR BOSS AND TEACHER, WASHED YOUR FEET, YOU SHOULD WASH EACH OTHER'S FEET. <sup>15</sup> I'VE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW. DO AS I'VE DONE TO YOU. <sup>16</sup> ON THE REAL, SLAVES ARE NOT GREATER THAN THEIR MASTER, NEITHER IS A MESSENGER MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ONE WHO SENT THE MESSAGE. <sup>17</sup> NOW



**THAT YOU KNOW THESE THINGS, GOD WILL BLESS YOU IF YOU DO THEM."**

### **YESHUA PREDICTS THE SETUP**

**18 "I AIN'T SAYING THIS TO ALL OF YOU; I KNOW THOSE I'VE CHOSEN. BUT THIS FULFILLS THE SCRIPTURE THAT SAYS: 'THE ONE WHO ATE MY BREAD HAS TURNED AGAINST ME.' (PSALMS 41:9) 19 I'M TELLING YOU THIS BEFORE IT HAPPENS SO THAT WHEN IT HAPPENS, YOU'LL KNOW THAT I'M HE. 20 ON THE REAL, WHOEVER ACCEPTS THE ONE I SEND ACCEPTS ME; WHOEVER ACCEPTS ME ACCEPTS THE ONE WHO SENT ME."**

**21 NOW YESHUA WAS DEEPLY TROUBLED, AND HE YELLED, "YO! ONE OF Y'ALL IS GONNA BACKSTAB ME!"**

**22 THE CREW LOOKED AT ONE ANOTHER, TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO HE WAS TALKING BOUT. 23 ONE OF THEM, THE ONE YESHUA HAD DEEP LOVE FOR, WAS LEANING ON YESHUA AT THE TABLE. 24 SIMON PETER MOTIONED TO HIM TO ASK, "WHO'S HE TALKING BOUT?" 25 LEANING BACK AGAINST YESHUA, HE ASKED, "BOGG, WHO IS IT?"**

**26 YESHUA REPLIED, "IT'S THE ONE I GIVE THE BREAD TO AFTER I DIP IT IN THE BOWL." AND WHEN HE DIPPED IT, HE GAVE IT TO JUDAS, SIMON ISCARIOT'S SON. 27 WHEN JUDAS ATE IT, SATAN ENTERED INTO HIM. THEN YESHUA TOLD HIM, "HURRY UP AND DO WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO." 28 NO ONE ELSE AT THE TABLE KNEW WHAT YESHUA MEANT. 29 SINCE JUDAS WAS THE TREASURER, SOME THOUGHT YESHUA WAS TELLING HIM TO GO PAY FOR THE FOOD OR GIVE SOME MONEY TO THE POOR. 30 SO JUDAS BOUNCED RIGHT THERE, GOING OUT INTO THE NIGHT.**

## YESHUA PREDICTS PETER'S DENIAL

**31** AS SOON AS JUDAS LEFT THE ROOM, YESHUA SAID, "THE TIME IS HERE FOR THE SON OF MAN TO ENTER INTO HIS GLORY, AND GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED CUZ OF HIM. **32** AND SINCE GOD RECEIVES GLORY CUZ OF THE SON, HE'LL SOON GIVE GLORY TO THE SON. **33** MY KIDS, I WILL ONLY BE WITH YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER. YOU'RE GONNA LOOK FOR ME, BUT JUST LIKE I TOLD THE JEWS, SO I'M TELLING YOU NOW: YOU CAN'T COME WHERE I'M GOING. **34** SO NOW I'M GIVING YOU A NEW COMMAND: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I'VE LOVED Y'ALL, IS THE SAME WAY YOU SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER. **35** YOUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER WILL PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT YOU'RE MY CREW."

**36** SIMON PETER ASKED, "WHERE YOU GOING?" AND YESHUA REPLIED, "YA CAN'T GO WITH ME NOW, BUT YOU'LL FOLLOW ME LATER."

**37** "BUT WHY CAN'T I COME NOW, BOGG?" HE ASKED. "I'M READY TO DIE FOR YOU."

**38** YESHUA ANSWERED, "DIE FOR ME? ON THE REAL, PETER- BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS TOMORROW MORNING, YOU'LL SAY THREE TIMES THAT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ME."

## CHAPTER 14

### YESHUA, THE WAY TO DAD

**1** "DON'T LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. TRUST IN GOD, AND TRUST IN ME TOO. **2** THERE'S A LOT OF ROOMS IN MY DAD'S HOUSE. IF THERE

**WASN'T, WOULD I TELL YOU THAT I'M GOING TO FIX A PLACE FOR YOU? <sup>3</sup> WHEN EVERYTHING'S READY, I'M COMING TO GET YOU, SO THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS BE WHERE I'M AT. <sup>4</sup> AND YOU KNOW THE WAY TO WHERE I'M GOING."**

<sup>5</sup> "NAH, WE DON'T KNOW, BOGG," THOMAS SAID. "WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO KNOW THE WAY?"

<sup>6</sup> YEGHUA TOLD HIM, **"I'M THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE CAN COME TO DAD EXCEPT THROUGH ME. <sup>7</sup> IF YOU REALLY KNEW ME, YOU WOULD KNOW WHO MY DAD IS. FROM NOW ON, YOU DO KNOW HIM AND YOU'VE EVEN SEEN HIM."**

<sup>8</sup> PHILIP SAID, "BOGG, JUST SHOW US DAD, AND WE'LL BE SATISFIED."

<sup>9</sup> YEGHUA REPLIED, **"I'VE BEEN WITH Y'ALL ALL THIS TIME, AND YOU STILL DON'T KNOW ME, PHILIP? ANYONE WHO'S SEEN ME HAS SEEN DAD! SO HOW YOU GONNA SAY, "SHOW US DAD'? <sup>10</sup> DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT I'M IN DAD, AND DAD IS IN ME? THE WORDS THAT I SAY TO YOU ARE NOT MINE, BUT MY DAD LIVES IN ME AND DOES HIS WORK THROUGH ME. <sup>11</sup> TRUST ME WHEN I SAY THAT I'M IN DAD AND DAD IS IN ME, OR AT LEAST BELIEVE CUZ OF THE MIRACLES YOU'VE SEEN. <sup>12</sup> ON THE REAL, ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL DO THE SAME THINGS I'VE DONE, AND EVEN BIGGER THINGS, CUZ I'M GOING TO BE WITH DAD. <sup>13</sup> YOU CAN ASK FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME, AND**

**I'LL DO IT, SO THAT THE SON CAN BRING GLORY TO DAD. <sup>14</sup> FOR REAL, ASK ME FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME, AND I'LL DO IT!"**

### **YESHUA PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**<sup>15</sup> "IF YOU LOVE ME, THEN YOU'LL DO WHAT I'VE TOLD YOU. <sup>16</sup> AND I'LL ASK DAD, AND HE'LL GIVE ANOTHER HELPER TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER, <sup>17</sup> THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. THE WORLD CAN'T RECEIVE HIM CUZ IT DOESN'T SEE HIM OR KNOW HIM. BUT YOU KNOW HIM CUZ HE LIVES WITH YOU AND SOON WILL BE IN YOU. <sup>18</sup> I WON'T LEAVE YOU LIKE ORPHANS; I WILL COME TO YOU. <sup>19</sup> IN A LITTLE BIT, THE WORLD WON'T SEE ME ANYMORE, BUT YOU'LL SEE ME. SINCE I LIVE, YOU'LL ALSO LIVE. <sup>20</sup> ON THAT DAY, YOU'LL REALIZE THAT I'M IN MY DAD, AND YOU'RE IN ME, AND I'M IN YOU. <sup>21</sup> WHOEVER KNOWS AND OBEYS MY COMMANDS, IS THE ONE WHO LOVES ME. AND CUZ THEY LOVE ME, MY DAD WILL LOVE 'EM. I TOO WILL LOVE 'EM, AND SHOW MYSELF TO THEM."**

**<sup>22</sup> JUDAS (NOT JUDAS ISCARIOT, BUT ANOTHER IN YESHUA'S CREW WITH THAT NAME) SAID, "BOGG, WHY ARE YOU SHOWING YOURSELF TO ONLY US AND NOT THE WORLD?"**

**<sup>23</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, "ANYONE WHO LOVES ME WILL DO WHAT I SAY. MY DAD WILL LOVE 'EM, AND WE'LL COME AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH THEM INDIVIDUALLY. <sup>24</sup> ANYONE WHO DOESN'T LOVE ME, WON'T KEEP MY WORDS. AND THE WORDS YOU HEAR ARE NOT MINE, BUT THEY COME**

FROM MY DAD WHO SENT ME. <sup>25</sup> I'M TELLING YOU THIS NOW WHILE I'M STILL WITH YOU. <sup>26</sup> BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, THAT DAD SENDS IN MY NAME, WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING AND REMIND YOU OF EVERYTHING I SAID TO YOU."

<sup>27</sup> "I'M LEAVING YOU WITH PEACE. MY PEACE, AND I DON'T GIVE THE TYPE THAT THE WORLD GIVES. DON'T LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED OR SHOOK AT WHAT'S COMING. <sup>28</sup> REMEMBER I TOLD YOU THAT I'M GOING AWAY, BUT I'M COMING BACK AGAIN. IF YOU REALLY LOVED ME, YOU'D BE HAPPY THAT I'M GOING TO MY DAD, CUZ HE'S GREATER THAN I AM. <sup>29</sup> I'VE LET YOU KNOW ALL THIS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN, SO THAT YOU'LL BELIEVE WHEN THEY DO HAPPEN."

<sup>30</sup> "I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH MORE TIME TO TALK TO YOU, CUZ THE RULER OF THIS WORLD IS COMING. HE GOT NOTHING ON ME, <sup>31</sup> BUT I WILL DO WHAT MY DAD WANTS SO THAT THE WORLD KNOWS THAT I LOVE MY DAD. COME ON, LET'S BOUNCE."

## CHAPTER 15

### YESHUA IS THE VINE, THE CREW ARE THE BRANCHES

<sup>1</sup> I'M THE REAL VINE, AND MY DAD'S THE GARDENER. <sup>2</sup> HE CUTS OFF EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT DOESN'T PRODUCE FRUIT, AND HE PRUNES THE BRANCHES THAT DO BEAR FRUIT SO THEY'LL PRODUCE EVEN MORE. <sup>3</sup> YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN PRUNED CUZ OF WHAT I'VE TOLD

**YOU. 4 STAY IN ME, AND I'LL STAY IN YOU. NO BRANCH CAN PRODUCE FRUIT UNLESS IT STAYS IN THE VINE. IN THE SAME WAY, YOU CAN'T PRODUCE FRUIT UNLESS YOU STAY IN ME. 5 I'M THE VINE, AND YOU'RE THE BRANCHES. THOSE WHO STAY IN ME, AND I IN THEM, WILL PRODUCE MAD FRUIT; BUT YOU CAN'T DO A THING WITHOUT ME. 6 ANYONE WHO DOESN'T STAY IN ME IS LIKE A BRANCH THAT IS CHOPPED OFF AND DRIES UP; THOSE BRANCHES ARE GATHERED UP, AND THROWN INTO THE FIRE TO BE BURNED. 7 IF YOU STAY IN ME, AND I STAY IN YOU, ASK FOR WHATEVER YOU WISH, AND IT'S YOURS! 8 MY DAD GETS A LOT OF PROPS WHEN YOU PRODUCE A LOT OF FRUIT, PROVING THAT YOU'RE MY CREW. 9 I'VE LOVED YOU, JUST LIKE MY DAD HAS LOVED ME. SO STAY IN MY LOVE. 10 WHEN YOU OBEY MY COMMANDS, YOU STAY IN MY LOVE; JUST LIKE I OBEY MY DAD'S COMMANDS AND STAY IN HIS LOVE. 11 I'VE TOLD Y'ALL THIS SO THAT MY JOY WILL BE IN YOU, AND YOU'LL BE FULL OF JOY. 12 THIS IS MY COMMAND: LOVE EACH OTHER THE SAME WAY THAT I'VE LOVED YOU. 13 THERE AIN'T A GREATER LOVE THAN THIS: FOR SOMEONE TO LAY HIS LIFE DOWN FOR HIS HOMIES. 14 YOU'RE MY HOMIES IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND. 15 I DON'T CALL YOU MY SLAVES ANYMORE, CUZ A MASTER DOESN'T TELL HIS SLAVES EVERYTHING. INSTEAD, I CALL YOU MY HOMIES CUZ I'VE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING MY DAD HAS**



TOLD ME. <sup>16</sup> YOU AIN'T CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU. I SET YOU APART TO GO AND PRODUCE FRUIT THAT LASTS. THEN DAD WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN MY NAME. <sup>17</sup> THIS IS MY COMMAND: LOVE EACH OTHER.

### THE WORLD HATES YESHUA'S CREW

<sup>18</sup> IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, JUST KNOW THAT IT HATED ME TOO BEFORE IT EVEN HATED YOU. <sup>19</sup> IF YOU WERE PART OF THE WORLD, THEN IT WOULD HAVE MAD LOVE FOR YOU, BUT YOU AIN'T. I CHOSE TO TAKE Y'ALL OUT OF IT, SO IT HATES YOU. <sup>20</sup> REMEMBER WHEN I SAID, 'A SLAVE AIN'T GREATER THAN THEY MASTER.' SINCE THEY HATED ON ME, OF COURSE THEY'LL HATE ON YOU TOO. AND IF THEY LISTENED TO ME, THEN THEY'D LISTEN TO YOU TOO. <sup>21</sup> THEY'LL DO ALL THIS TO YOU CUZ OF ME, CUZ THEY DON'T WANT THE ONE WHO SENT ME. <sup>22</sup> THEY WOULDN'T BE GUILTY IF I NEVER CAME TO THEM, BUT NOW THEY AIN'T GOT NO EXCUSE FOR THEIR SINS. <sup>23</sup> ANYONE WHO HATES ME, ALSO HATES MY DAD. <sup>24</sup> IF I NEVER DID SUCH BIG MIRACLES IN FRONT OF THEM THAT NO ONE ELSE COULD DO, THEN THEY'D BE INNOCENT. YET, THEY'VE SEEN EVERYTHING I DID, AND THEY STILL HATE ME AND MY DAD. <sup>25</sup> THIS PROVES TRUE WHAT'S WRITTEN IN THE GOOD BOOK: 'THEY HATED ME FOR NOTHING.'<sup>(PSALMS 69:4)</sup>

<sup>26</sup> BUT I SEND YOU A LAWYER - THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. HE'LL COME TO YOU FROM DAD AND WILL

TESTIFY ALL BOUT ME. <sup>27</sup> AND YOU MUST ALSO TESTIFY FOR ME CUZ YOU'VE BEEN WITH ME FROM THE VERY GET GO.

## CHAPTER 16

<sup>1</sup> I TOLD Y'ALL THIS SO THAT YOU WON'T BE TRIPPED UP. <sup>2</sup> THEY'RE GOING TO KICK YOU OUT OF THE SYNAGOGUES, AND A TIME WILL COME WHEN HEADS WILL THINK THAT GOD WANTS THEM TO MERK YOU. <sup>3</sup> IT'S CAUSE THEY NEVER KNEW MY DAD OR ME. <sup>4</sup> YEAH, I'M TELLING YOU THIS BEFORE IT HAPPENS, AND YOU'LL REMEMBER MY WORDS. I AIN'T TELL YOU EARLIER CUZ I WAS STILL GOING TO BE HERE FOR A LITTLE BIT.

### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

<sup>5</sup> "BUT NOW I'M BOUT TO BOUNCE, BUT AIN'T ONE OF YOU ASK ME WHERE I'M GOING. <sup>6</sup> INSTEAD, YOU'RE SAD CUZ OF WHAT I'VE SAID TO YOU. <sup>7</sup> INSTEAD, IT'S BETTER IF I BOUNCE, CUZ IF I DON'T, THE LAWYER WON'T COME. IF I DO BOUNCE, THEN I'LL SEND HIM TO YOU. <sup>8</sup> AND WHEN HE GETS HERE, HE'LL CONVICT THE WORLD OF ITS SIN, AND OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND OF THE COMING JUDGMENT. <sup>9</sup> THE WORLD'S SIN IS THAT IT REFUSES TO TRUST ME. <sup>10</sup> RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AVAILABLE CUZ I'M GOING TO DAD, AND YOU WON'T SEE ME ANYMORE. <sup>11</sup> JUDGMENT WILL

**COME CUZ THE RULER OF THIS WORLD HAS ALREADY BEEN JUDGED.**

**12 "THERE'S SO MUCH MORE I WANTED TO TELL YOU, BUT YOU CAN'T BEAR IT NOW. 13 WHEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH COMES, HE'LL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH. HE WON'T SPEAK ON HIS OWN BUT HE'LL TELL YOU WHAT HE'S HEARD. HE'LL TELL YOU BOUT THE FUTURE. 14 HE'LL BRING ME PROPS BY SHOWING YOU WHATEVER HE GETS FROM ME. 15 ALL OF MY DAD'S STUFF IS MINES; THAT'S WHY I SAID, 'THE SPIRIT WILL SHOW YOU WHATEVER HE RECEIVES FROM ME.'**

**CRY NOW, LAUGH LATER**

**16 "IN A LITTLE BIT, YOU WON'T SEE ME ANYMORE. BUT THEN, A LITTLE WHILE AFTER THAT, YOU'LL SEE ME AGAIN."**

**17 SOME OF THE CREW ASKED EACH OTHER, "WHAT DOES HE MEAN WHEN HE SAYS, 'IN A LITTLE BIT YOU AIN'T GONNA SEE ME, BUT THEN YOU'LL SEE ME,' AND 'I'M GOING TO DAD'?" 18 AND WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY 'A LITTLE BIT'? WE DON'T GET IT."**

**19 YEGHUA FIGURED THEY WANTED TO ASK HIM BOUT IT, SO HE SAID, "ARE YOU ASKING EACH OTHER WHAT I MEANT? I SAID IN A LITTLE BIT YOU AIN'T GONNA SEE ME, BUT THEN A LITTLE WHILE AFTER THAT YOU WILL. 20 ON THE REAL, YOU'LL CRY AND SHED TEARS OVER WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO ME, BUT THE WORLD WILL GO BUCK. YOU'LL GRIEVE, BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN, IT WILL**

TURN TO HAPPINESS AND JOY. <sup>21</sup> IT'S LIKE A WOMAN SUFFERING DURING LABOR. WHEN THE BABY IS BORN, HER PAIN LEADS TO JOY CUZ THERE'S A NEW LIFE IN THE WORLD. <sup>22</sup> SAME THING, YOU'RE SAD NOW, BUT I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN, AND THEN YOU'LL REJOICE, AND NO ONE CAN TAKE AWAY THAT JOY. <sup>23</sup> THEN, YOU WON'T NEED TO ASK ME ANYTHING. ON THE REAL, YOU'LL ASK DAD DIRECTLY, AND HE'LL GIVE IT TO YOU CUZ YOU USE MY NAME. <sup>24</sup> YOU AIN'T DONE THIS BEFORE. ASK USING MY NAME AND YOU'LL GET IT, AND YOU'LL HAVE MAD JOY.

<sup>25</sup> I'VE BEEN SPEAKING TO Y'ALL IN RIDDLES, BUT I'M GONNA STOP TALKING IN RIDDLES SOON AND START TALKING STRAIGHT OUT BOUT MY DAD. <sup>26</sup> THEN YOU'LL ASK IN MY NAME. I'M NOT SAYING THAT I'LL ASK DAD FOR YOU, <sup>27</sup> CUZ DAD HIMSELF HAS DEEP LOVE FOR YOU CUZ YOU LOVE ME AND BELIEVE I CAME FROM GOD. <sup>28</sup> YEAH, I CAME FROM DAD INTO THE WORLD, AND I'M GOING TO LEAVE THE WORLD AND GO BACK TO DAD."

<sup>29</sup> THEN HIS CREW SAID, "FINALLY, YOU'RE TALKING STRAIGHT OUT AND NOT USING RIDDLES. <sup>30</sup> NOW WE KNOW THAT YOU KNOW EVERYTHING AND DON'T NEED ANYONE TO TELL YOU ANYTHING. SO WE CAN TELL THAT YOU CAME FROM GOD."

<sup>31</sup> YEHUA ASKED, "DO YOU FINALLY BELIEVE?  
<sup>32</sup> STILL, A TIME IS COMING - AS A MATTER A FACT, IT'S ALREADY HERE - WHEN ALL OF Y'ALL

**WILL BE SCATTERED, EACH ONE GOING HIS OWN WAY, LEAVING ME BY MYSELF. STILL, I'M NOT ALONE CUZ DAD IS WITH ME. <sup>33</sup> I'VE TOLD Y'ALL THIS SO THAT YOU'LL HAVE PEACE IN ME. HERE ON EARTH, YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE MANY TROUBLES AND PAIN. BUT BE BRAVE, CUZ I'VE CONQUERED THE WORLD."**

## **CHAPTER 17**

### **YESHUA PRAYS**

**<sup>1</sup> AFTER YESHUA SAID ALL THIS, HE LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN AND SAID, "DAD, THE TIME HAS COME. GIVE PROPS TO YOUR SON SO HE CAN GIVE PROPS BACK TO YOU. <sup>2</sup> CUZ YOU GAVE HIM POWER OVER EVERYONE. HE GIVES ETERNAL LIFE TO EVERYONE YOU GAVE HIM. <sup>3</sup> AND THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE - KNOWING YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND YESHUA THE CHRIST, THE ONE YOU SENT TO EARTH. <sup>4</sup> I BROUGHT PROPS TO YOU HERE ON EARTH BY FINISHING THE WORK YOU GAVE ME TO DO. <sup>5</sup> NOW, DAD, BRING ME INTO THE GLORY WE SHARED BEFORE THIS WORLD BEGAN.**

**<sup>6</sup> "I'VE INTRODUCED YOU TO THE ONES YOU GAVE ME FROM THIS WORLD. THEY WERE ALWAYS YOURS. YOU GAVE 'EM TO ME, AND THEY'VE KEPT YOUR WORD. <sup>7</sup> NOW THEY KNOW EVERYTHING I HAVE IS A GIFT FROM YOU. <sup>8</sup> CUZ I GAVE 'EM THE MESSAGE YOU GAVE ME. THEY'VE**

**ACCEPTED IT AND KNOW THAT I CAME FROM YOU, AND THEY BELIEVE YOU SENT ME.**

**<sup>9</sup> "I'M NOT PRAYING FOR THE WORLD, BUT FOR THOSE YOU GAVE ME, CUZ THEY'RE YOURS. <sup>10</sup> ALL WHO ARE MINE BELONG TO YOU, AND YOU GAVE 'EM TO ME, SO THEY BRING ME PROPS. <sup>11</sup> NOW I'M LEAVING THE WORLD; THEY'RE STAYING IN THIS WORLD, BUT I'M COMING TO YOU. HOLY DAD, YOU GAVE ME YOUR NAME; NOW PROTECT THEM BY THE POWER OF YOUR NAME SO THAT THEY'LL BE ONE JUST AS WE ARE. <sup>12</sup> WHILE I WAS HERE, I PROTECTED THEM BY THE POWER OF THE NAME YOU GAVE ME. I WATCHED OUT FOR THEM SO THAT NOT ONE OF THEM WAS LOST, EXCEPT THE ONE HEADED FOR DESTRUCTION, AS THE SCRIPTURES PROMISED.**

**<sup>13</sup> "NOW, I'M COMING TO YOU. I TOLD 'EM A LOT OF THINGS WHILE I WAS WITH THEM ON EARTH, SO THEY'D BE FILLED WITH MY JOY. <sup>14</sup> I GAVE 'EM YOUR WORD. THE WORLD HATES THEM CUZ THEY DON'T BELONG TO THE WORLD, JUST AS I DON'T BELONG TO THE WORLD. <sup>15</sup> I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO TAKE 'EM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT TO KEEP 'EM SAFE FROM THE EVIL ONE. <sup>16</sup> THEY DON'T BELONG TO THIS WORLD ANY MORE THAN I DO. <sup>17</sup> MAKE 'EM HOLY BY YOUR TRUTH; YOUR WORD IS TRUE. <sup>18</sup> JUST LIKE YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, I'M SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD. <sup>19</sup> AND I GIVE MYSELF AS A HOLY SACRIFICE FOR**



**THEM SO THEY CAN BE MADE HOLY BY YOUR TRUTH.**

**20 "I'M NOT ONLY PRAYING FOR THIS PART OF MY CREW, BUT ALSO FOR ALL WHO WILL EVER BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR MESSAGE. 21 I PRAY THEY'LL ALL BE ONE, JUST LIKE YOU AND I ARE ONE - LIKE YOU ARE IN ME, DAD, AND I'M IN YOU. LET THEM BE IN US SO THAT THE WORLD WILL BELIEVE YOU SENT ME.**

**22 "I'VE GIVEN THEM THE GLORY YOU GAVE ME, SO THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE'RE ONE. 23 I'M IN THEM AND YOU'RE IN ME. MAY THEY HAVE SO MUCH PERFECT UNITY THAT THE WORLD WILL KNOW YOU SENT ME, AND YOU LOVE 'EM AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE ME. 24 DAD, I WANT THE ONES YOU GAVE ME TO BE WITH ME WHERE I AM. THEN THEY'LL SEE ALL THE GLORY YOU GAVE ME, CUZ YOU LOVED ME BEFORE THE WORLD EVEN BEGAN!**

**25 "O RIGHTEOUS DAD, THE WORLD DOESN'T KNOW YOU, BUT I DO; AND MY CREW KNOWS YOU SENT ME. 26 I'VE SHOWN YOU TO THEM, AND I'LL KEEP DOING THAT. THEN YOUR LOVE FOR ME WILL BE IN THEM, AND I'LL BE IN THEM."**

## **CHAPTER 18**

### **YESHUA BACKSTABBED & ARRESTED**

**1 WHEN YESHUA WAS DONE PRAYING, HE BOUNCED WITH HIS CREW AND HEADED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE KIDRON VALLEY. ON THE OTHER SIDE, THERE WAS AN OLIVE GARDEN SO HE AND HIS CREW WENT INSIDE.**

2 NOW JUDAS, THE ONE WHO SNITCHED ON HIM, KNEW THE SPOT CUZ YESHUA AND HIS CREW OFTEN MET UP THERE. 3 SO JUDAS CAME TO THE GARDEN, WITH A GROUP OF SOLDIERS, TEMPLE SECURITY GUARDS, AND PHARISEES. THEY HAD TORCHES, LANTERNS, AND WEAPONS WITH THEM.

4 YESHUA ALREADY KNOWING WHAT WAS BOUT TO GO DOWN, STEPPED UP AND ASKED, **"WHO YOU LOOKING FOR?"**

5 "YESHUA THE NAZARENE" THEY REPLIED.

**"I'M HIM,"** YESHUA SAID. (JUDAS, THE SNITCH, WAS STANDING THERE WITH THEM.) 6 WHEN YESHUA SAID, **"I'M HIM,"** THEY ALL BACKED UP AND FELL ON THE GROUND. 7 SO HE SAID AGAIN, **"WHO YOU LOOKING FOR?"**

AND AGAIN THEY SAID, "YESHUA FROM NAZARETH."

8 **"I TOLD Y'ALL THAT I'M HIM,"** YESHUA SAID.

**"SO SINCE I'M THE ONE YOU WANT, LET MY CREW GO."** 9 HE DID THIS TO KEEP HIS WORD, **"I AIN'T LOSE A SINGLE ONE OF THOSE YOU GAVE ME."**

10 AT THAT POINT, SIMON PETER WHIPPED OUT THE JIGGA AND GLICED OFF THE RIGHT EAR OF MALCHUS, THE SLAVE OF THE HIGH PRIEST. 11 BUT YESHUA SAID TO PETER, **"PUT YOUR JIGGA AWAY. SHOULDN'T I DRINK THIS CUP MY DAD GAVE ME?"**

#### **YESHUA AT THE HIGH PRIEST'S CRIB**

12 SO THE SOLDIERS, WITH THEIR CAPTAIN, AND THE TEMPLE SECURITY GUARDS ARRESTED YESHUA AND TIED HIM UP. 13 FIRST THEY TOOK HIM TO ANNAS, CAIAPHAS' FATHER-IN-LAW, CUZ HE WAS HIGH PRIEST AT THE TIME. 14 CAIAPHAS WAS THE ONE WHO HAD SAID, "IT'S BETTER FOR ONE MAN TO DIE THAN THE WHOLE NATION TO BE DESTROYED."

### **PETER PUNKS OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME**

<sup>15</sup> SIMON PETER WAS TRAILING YESHUA, WITH ANOTHER HOMIE FROM THE CREW. THE OTHER HOMIE KNEW THE HIGH PRIEST, SO HE WAS LET INTO THE COURTYARD WITH YESHUA. <sup>16</sup> PETER HAD TO STAY OUTSIDE THE GATE. THEN THE HOMIE WHO KNEW THE HIGH PRIEST TALKED TO THE WOMAN WATCHING THE GATE, AND SHE LET PETER IN. <sup>17</sup> THE WOMAN ASKED PETER, "YOU AIN'T PART OF THAT DUDE'S CREW, ARE YOU?"

"NAH," HE SAID, "I AIN'T."

<sup>18</sup> CUZ IT WAS FREEZING, THE SLAVES AND THE GUARDS HAD MADE A FIRE OUT OF SOME CHARCOAL. THEY ALL STOOD AROUND IT, WARMING THEMSELVES, AND PETER STOOD THERE WITH THEM SO HE COULD KEEP WARM.

### **THE HIGH PRIEST QUESTIONS YESHUA**

<sup>19</sup> INSIDE THE CRIB, THE HIGH PRIEST BEGAN ASKING YESHUA BOUT HIS CREW AND WHAT HE'S BEEN TEACHING THEM. <sup>20</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT I TEACH. I'VE BEEN PREACHING IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND THE TEMPLE, IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYBODY. I AIN'T SPEAK ON THE LOW. <sup>21</sup> WHY YOU QUESTIONING ME? ASK THOSE WHO HEARD ME. THEY KNOW WHAT I SAID."**

<sup>22</sup> AT THAT POINT, ONE OF THE TEMPLE SECURITY GUARDS STANDING NEXT TO HIM SMACKED YESHUA IN THE FACE AND SAID, "IS THAT THE WAY YOU ANSWER THE HIGH PRIEST?"

<sup>23</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"IF I SAID ANYTHING WRONG, THEN TELL ME WHAT IT WAS. BUT IF I TOLD THE TRUTH, THEN WHY'D YOU HIT ME?"**

<sup>24</sup> THEN ANNAS SENT HIM, STILL TIED UP, TO CAIAPHAS, THE OTHER HIGH PRIEST.

### **PETER PUNKS OUT TWO MORE TIMES**

<sup>25</sup> IN THE MEANTIME, SIMON PETER WAS STANDING BY THE FIRE TO KEEP WARM AND THEY

ASKED HIM AGAIN, "YOU'RE NOT PART OF HIS CREW, ARE YOU?"

HE DENIED IT, SAYING, "NAH, I AIN'T."

<sup>26</sup> BUT ONE OF THE HOUSE SLAVES OF THE HIGH PRIEST, WHO WAS RELATED TO THE DUDE WHO GOT HIS EAR SLICED OFF BY PETER, ASKED, "AIN'T I SEE YOU OUT THERE IN THE OLIVE GARDEN WITH YESHUA?" <sup>27</sup> AGAIN, PETER DENIED IT, AND JUST THEN A ROOSTER CROWED.

### **YESHUA PUT ON TRIAL BEFORE PILATE**

<sup>28</sup> THEN EARLY IN THE MORNING, THEY LED YESHUA TO THE HOUSE OF THE ROMAN GOVERNOR. SINCE THE JEWS AIN'T WANT TO GO INSIDE CUZ IF THEY DID THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EAT THEIR PASSOVER DINNER, <sup>29</sup> GOVERNOR PILATE CAME OUT TO THEM. HE ASKED, "WHAT ARE YOUR CHARGES AGAINST THIS MAN?" <sup>30</sup> THEY REPLIED, "IF HE WAGN'T A CRIMINAL, THEN WE WOULDN'T OF BROUGHT HIM TO YOU."

<sup>31</sup> THEN PILATE SAID TO 'EM, "TAKE HIM YOURSELVES AND JUDGE HIM BY YOUR OWN LAW THEN." THE JEWS REPLIED, "WE DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO PUT HIM TO DEATH." <sup>32</sup> AS A RESULT, THIS HAPPENED JUST THE WAY YESHUA PREDICTED HE WOULD DIE.

<sup>33</sup> PILATE WENT BACK INSIDE AND CALLED YESHUA TO HIM. HE ASKED YESHUA, "ARE YOU KING OF THE JEWS?" <sup>34</sup> YESHUA SAID, **"DID YOU**

**COME UP WITH THIS QUESTION ON YOUR OWN, OR DID SOMEONE ELSE SAY THIS BOUT ME?"** <sup>35</sup> PILATE REPLIED, "AM I A JEW?! IT'S

YOUR OWN PEOPLE AND THE HIGH PRIESTS THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE TO ME. WHAT DID YOU DO?" <sup>36</sup> YESHUA ANSWERED, **"MY HOOD IS NOT**

**PART OF THIS WORLD. IF IT WAS, THEN MY PEOPLE WOULD'VE FOUGHT TO KEEP ME FROM BEING ARRESTED BY THE JEWS. AS IT IS, MY HOOD IS NOT PART OF THIS WORLD."** <sup>37</sup> PILATE

THEN SAID, "AW, SO YOU'RE A KING?" YESHUA SAID, **"YOU'RE RIGHT WHEN YOU SAY I'M A KING.**

**IN FACT, THAT'S WHY I WAS BORN, AND I CAME TO THIS WORLD FOR THIS REASON: TO REP THE TRUTH. EVERYONE WHO LOVES THE TRUTH HEARS ME."** <sup>38</sup> PILATE SAID TO YESHUA, "WHAT'S TRUTH?"

### **YESHUA OR BARABBAS?**

AFTER THAT, PILATE WENT BACK TO THE JEWS AND SAID, "HE'S NOT GUILTY. <sup>39</sup> STILL, EVERY YEAR I LET A PRISONER GO FREE TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY OF YOUR FREEDOM FROM EGYPT. DO YOU WANT ME TO GET THE KING OF THE JEWS FREE?" <sup>40</sup> THEN THEY YELLED, "NOT THIS DUDE, BUT LET BARABBAS GO!" BARABBAS WAS A ROBBER.

## **CHAPTER 19**

### **THE CROWN OF THORNS**

<sup>1</sup> AT THIS POINT, PILATE TOOK YESHUA AND HAD HIM BEATEN WITH A LEAD-TIPPED WHIP. <sup>2</sup> THE SOLDIERS ALSO PUT TOGETHER A CROWN OF THORNS AND STUCK IT ON HIS HEAD, AND PUT A PURPLE ROBE ON HIM. <sup>3</sup> THEN THEY MOCKED HIM SAYING, "WHAT'S UP, KING OF THE JEWS!" AND SMACKED HIM IN THE FACE.

<sup>4</sup> PILATE CAME BACK OUT AGAIN AND SAID TO THE CROWD, "LOOK, I'M BRINGING HIM OUT TO YOU BUT KNOW THAT I DON'T THINK HE'S GUILTY." <sup>5</sup> YESHUA CAME OUT WEARING THE CROWN OF THORNS AND A PURPLE ROBE. PILATE SAID TO THE PEOPLE, "LOOK! THIS IS THE MAN!"

### **PILATE TRIES TO SET YESHUA FREE**

<sup>6</sup> WHEN THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND SOLDIERS SAW HIM, THEY YELLED, "NAIL HIM TO A TREE! NAIL HIM TO A TREE!" PILATE SAID, "TAKE HIM YOURSELVES THEN, AND NAIL HIM TO A TREE. PERSONALLY THOUGH, I DON'T THINK HE'S GUILTY." <sup>7</sup> THE JEWS REPLIED, "BY OUR LAW HE DESERVES TO DIE CUZ HE CLAIMS TO BE GOD'S SON."

<sup>8</sup> WHEN PILATE HEARD THIS, HE WAS SHOOK. <sup>9</sup> HE WENT BACK INTO THE COURT ROOM AGAIN WITH YESHUA AND ASKED, "WHERE YOU FROM?" YESHUA AIN'T SAY A THING. <sup>10</sup> PILATE

SAID, "YOU AIN'T GONNA TALK TO ME? DON'T YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE THE POWER TO NAIL YOU TO A TREE OR LET YOU GO FREE?" " YESHUA REPLIED, **"YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY POWER OVER ME IF IT WASN'T GIVEN TO YOU FROM ABOVE. THAT'S WHY THE ONE WHO HANDED ME OVER TO YOU IS GUILTIER THAN YOU."**

<sup>12</sup> WHEN PILATE HEARD THIS, HE TRIED TO GET YESHUA FREE, BUT THE JEWS KEPT SAYING, "IF YOU LET HIM GO FREE, YOU AIN'T CAESAR'S FRIEND! ANYONE CLAIMING TO BE A KING IS REBELLING AGAINST CAESAR." <sup>13</sup> WHEN PILATE HEARD THIS, HE HAD YESHUA BROUGHT BACK OUT AGAIN. PILATE THEN SAT DOWN ON THE JUDGE'S SEAT IN A PLACE CALLED GABBATHA AKA THE STONE FLOOR.

<sup>14</sup> IT WAS NOW BOUT NOON ON THE DAY BEFORE THE PASSOVER HOLIDAY. PILATE SAID TO THE JEWS, "LOOK, YOUR KING!" <sup>15</sup> BUT THEY STARTED YELLING, "GET HIM OUT OF HERE! NAIL HIM TO A TREE!" PILATE THEN ASKED, "YOU REALLY WANT ME TO NAIL YOUR KING TO A TREE?" THAT'S WHEN THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS SAID, "WE HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR!" <sup>16</sup> FINALLY PILATE HANDED HIM OVER TO BE NAILED TO A TREE, AND THE SOLDIERS TOOK YESHUA AWAY.

### **YESHUA ON THE TREE**

<sup>17</sup> YESHUA CARRIED THE TREE THAT HE WOULD BE HUNG ON UP A HILL CALLED GOLGOTHA AKA CALVARY AKA THE SKULL. <sup>18</sup> THERE THEY NAILED YESHUA TO THE TREE. TWO OTHERS WERE NAILED THERE THE SAME WAY, AND YESHUA WAS IN THE MIDDLE. <sup>19</sup> PILATE MADE A SIGN THAT SAID, "YESHUA OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS," AND HAD IT ATTACHED ABOVE HIM. <sup>20</sup> MANY OF THE JEWS READ THE SIGN CUZ THE SPOT WERE YESHUA WAS EXECUTED WAS NEAR THE CITY. PLUS, IT WAS WRITTEN IN HEBREW, LATIN, AND GREEK. <sup>21</sup> THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TOLD PILATE, "DON'T WRITE, 'THE KING OF THE JEWS'! BUT INSTEAD, 'HE SAID- I'M THE KING OF



THE JEWS." 22 PILATE REPLIED, "WHAT I WROTE, IS WHAT I WROTE!"

### THEY DIVIDED UP HIS CLOTHES

23 THE FOUR SOLDIERS WHO NAILED YESHUA TO THE TREE TOOK HIS CLOTHES AND DIVIDED THEM UP, AND EACH ONE GOT ONE PART. BUT YESHUA'S COAT AIN'T HAVE ANY SEAMS CUZ IT WAS WOVEN INTO ONE PIECE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. 24 SO THEY SAID, "INSTEAD OF RIPPING IT UP, LET'S SHOOT DICE FOR IT." IT HAPPENED JUST AS IT WAS PREDICTED IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS WHICH READS, "THEY DIVIDED UP MY CLOTHES AND SHOT DICE FOR MY COAT." (PSALMS 22:18) THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY DID.

### THE WOMEN

25 YESHUA'S MOM AND AUNT MARY, CLEOPHAS' WIFE, AND MARY MAGDALENE WERE STANDING NEARBY. 26 YESHUA SAW HIS MOM AND THE ONE FROM HIS CREW WHO HE LOVED STANDING NEXT TO HER. HE SAID TO HIS MOM, "**WOMAN, HERE'S YOUR SON.**" 27 THEN YESHUA SAID TO HIS BOY, "**HERE'S YOUR MOM.**" AND FROM THEN ON, HIS BOY TOOK CARE OF HER.

### YESHUA DIES

28 YESHUA KNEW THAT HE DID EVERYTHING HE CAME TO, SO JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING THAT WAS PREDICTED IN THE SCRIPTURES CAME TRUE, HE SAID, "**I'M**

**THIRSTY.**" 29 THERE WAS A BOTTLE OF VINEGAR NEARBY, SO THEY DIPPED A SPONGE INTO IT, PUT IT ON A STICK AND BROUGHT IT UP TO HIS MOUTH. 30 YESHUA TOOK A SIP AND SAID, "**IT'S**

**FINISHED.**" THEN, HE BOWED HIS HEAD AND GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT.

### HIS BONES WERE NOT BROKEN

31 THIS ALL HAPPENED ON A FRIDAY BEFORE THE PASSOVER, SO THE NEXT DAY WAS ALSO A SABBATH. THE JEWS AIN'T WANT THE BODIES HANGING ON A SABBATH, SO THEY ASKED PILATE TO HAVE THEIR LEGS BROKEN TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS. 32 THE SOLDIERS BROKE THE LEGS OF TWO MEN NAILED NEXT TO YESHUA. 33 WHEN

THEY CAME TO YESHUA, THEY SAW THAT HE WAS ALREADY DEAD SO THEY AIN'T BREAK HIS LEGS.

<sup>34</sup> JUST TO MAKE SURE THOUGH, ONE OF THE SOLDIERS STABBED HIM IN THE SIDE WITH A SPEAR. BLOOD AND WATER CAME OUT.

<sup>35</sup> THE ONE WHOSE WRITING SAW ALL THIS AND EVERYTHING'S TRUE. HE KNOWS HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH SO YOU CAN BELIEVE. <sup>36</sup> ALL THESE THINGS HAPPENED AS THEY HAD BEEN PREDICTED IN THE SCRIPTURES, "NOT ONE OF HIS BONES WILL BE BROKEN." (EXODUS 12:46; NUMBERS 9:12; PSALMS 34:20)

<sup>37</sup> AND ANOTHER SCRIPTURES SAYS, "THEY'LL LOOK AT THE ONE THEY STABBED." (ZECHARIAH 12:10; REVELATIONS 1:7)

### YESHUA'S GRAVE

<sup>38</sup> JOSEPH WAS FROM A HOOD CALLED ARIMATHEA. HE WAS PART OF YESHUA'S CREW BUT HE KEPT IT ON THE LOW CUZ HE WAS SCARED OF THE JEWS. HE WENT TO PILATE AND ASKED IF HE COULD TAKE YESHUA'S BODY. PILATE GAVE HIM PERMISSION, SO HE CAME AND TOOK IT AWAY. <sup>39</sup> NICODEMUS, THE ONE WHO HAD COME TO YESHUA AT NIGHT, ALSO HELPED. HE HAD WITH HIM BOUT SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS OF MYRRH MIXED WITH ALOE. <sup>40</sup> THEY TOOK YESHUA'S BODY AND WRAPPED IT WITH THE SPICES IN SHEETS OF LINEN. THAT'S HOW THE JEWS GOT A BODY READY FOR BURIAL.

<sup>41</sup> NEAR THE PLACE YESHUA WAS EXECUTED, THERE WAS A GARDEN WITH A NEW TOMB THAT HAD NEVER BEEN USED. <sup>42</sup> SINCE IT WAS THE DAY BEFORE THE PASSOVER, AND IT WAS GETTING LATE, THEY LAID YESHUA THERE.

## CHAPTER 20

### THE RESURRECTION

<sup>1</sup> EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK, MARY MAGDALENE CAME TO THE TOMB AND FOUND THE STONE ROLLED AWAY. <sup>2</sup> SHE RAN AND FOUND SIMON PETER AND ANOTHER HOMIEBOY (THE ONE YESHUA LOVED). SHE SAID, "THEY'VE TAKEN THE BOSS' BODY, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY PUT HIM!"

<sup>3</sup> PETER AND THE OTHER HOMIE HEADED TO THE TOMB TO CHECK IT OUT. <sup>4</sup> THEY WERE BOTH RUNNING, BUT THE OTHER HOMIE OUTFRAN

PETER AND GOT TO THE TOMB FIRST. <sup>5</sup> HE STOOPED DOWN AND LOOKED INSIDE. THE BANDAGES WERE STILL THERE, BUT HE AIN'T GO IN. <sup>6</sup> THEN SIMON PETER GOT THERE AND WENT INSIDE. HE ALSO SAW THE BANDAGES LYING THERE, <sup>7</sup> AND THE PIECE OF CLOTH THAT COVERED YESHUA'S HEAD WAS STILL FOLDED UP AND LYING AWAY FROM THE OTHER BANDAGES. <sup>8</sup> THEN THE HOMIE WHO GOT TO THE TOMB FIRST ALSO WENT IN, AND HE SAW THE SAME THING AND BELIEVED— <sup>9</sup> CUZ UNTIL THEN THEY STILL AIN'T UNDERSTOOD THE SCRIPTURES THAT HAD SAID YESHUA MUST COME BACK FROM THE DEAD. <sup>10</sup> AFTER THAT, THEY WENT HOME.

### **YESHUA APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE**

<sup>11</sup> BUT MARY WAS STILL STANDING THERE, OUTSIDE THE TOMB, CRYING. AS THE TEARS ROLLED DOWN HER FACE, SHE CROUCHED DOWN AND LOOKED INSIDE. <sup>12</sup> INSIDE, SHE SAW TWO ANGELS DRESSED ALL IN WHITE. ONE WAS SITTING WHERE YESHUA'S HEAD WAS PLACED, AND THE OTHER WHERE HIS FEET HAD BEEN.

<sup>13</sup> "WHY YOU CRYING GIRL?" THE ANGELS ASKED. "THEY TOOK MY BOSS," SHE REPLIED, "AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY PUT HIM."

<sup>14</sup> AT THAT POINT, SHE TURNED AROUND AND SAW A GUY STANDING THERE. IT WAS YESHUA, BUT SHE AIN'T RECOGNIZE HIM. <sup>15</sup> **"WHY YOU**

**CRYING GIRL?"** YESHUA ASKED HER. **"WHO YOU**  
**LOOKING FOR?"**

ACTUALLY, SHE THOUGHT HE WAS THE GARDENER. SHE SAID, "SIR, IF YOU TOOK HIM, THEN JUST TELL ME WHERE YOU PUT HIM, AND I'LL GO AND GET HIM MYSELF."

<sup>16</sup> **"MARY!"** YESHUA SAID.

AT ONCE, SHE TURNED AROUND AND YELLED OUT, "RABBONI!" (WHICH MEANS 'TEACHER' IN HEBREW).

<sup>17</sup> YESHUA REPLIED, **"STOP HOLDING ON TO ME, CUZ I HAVEN'T GONE UP TO DAD YET. INSTEAD, GO TELL MY BROTHERS, 'I'M GOING UP TO MY DAD AND YOUR DAD, TO MY GOD AND YOUR GOD.'"**

18 MARY MAGDALENE FOUND THE HOMIES AND TOLD 'EM, "I SAW THE BOGG!" THEN SHE TOLD 'EM EVERYTHING HE SAID.

### YESHUA APPEARS TO HIS HOMIES

19 THAT SUNDAY NIGHT, YESHUA'S CREW WAS HANGING OUT TOGETHER BUT ON THE LOW. THEY EVEN LOCKED THE DOORS CUZ THEY WERE SO SCARED OF THE JEWS IN CHARGE. ALL OF A SUDDEN, YESHUA POPPED UP OUT OF NOWHERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WHOLE GROUP! HE SAID,

**"PEACE TO YOU."** 20 WHILE HE WAS TALKING, HE SHOWED 'EM THE WOUNDS IN HIS HANDS AND SIDE. THEY ALL WENT BUCK WHEN THEY SAW THE BOGG! 21 THEN HE SAID, **"PEACE TO YOU.**

**JUST LIKE DAD SENT ME, I'M SENDING YOU."**

22 HE THEN BREATHED ON 'EM AND SAID, **"RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. 23 IF YOU FORGIVE ANYONE'S SINS, THEY'RE FORGIVEN. IF YOU DON'T FORGIVE THEM, THEN THEY AIN'T FORGIVEN."**

### YESHUA APPEARS TO THOMAS

24 ONE OF THE TWELVE MEMBERS OF YESHUA'S CREW, THOMAS (AKA THE TWIN), WAS NOT THERE WHEN YESHUA CAME. 25 SO THEY TOLD HIM, "WE'VE SEEN THE BOGG!"

BUT HE REPLIED, "I AIN'T GONNA BELIEVE IT LESS I SEE THE NAIL SCARS IN HIS HANDS, PUT MY FINGERS IN THEM, AND STICK MY HAND INTO THE WOUND IN HIS SIDE."

26 EIGHT DAYS LATER THE CREW WAS TOGETHER AGAIN, AND THIS TIME THOMAS WAS THERE. THE DOORS WERE LOCKED, BUT ALL OF SUDDEN, JUST LIKE BEFORE, YESHUA WAS STANDING THERE. **"PEACE BE WITH YOU,"** HE SAID.

27 THEN HE SAID TO THOMAS, **"PUT YOUR FINGER HERE, AND LOOK AT MY HANDS. STICK YOUR HAND INTO MY SIDE. STOP DOUBTING. BELIEVE ALREADY!"**

28 THOMAS YELLED OUT, "MY BOSS AND MY GOD!"

29 THEN YESHUA TOLD HIM, **"YOU BELIEVE CUZ YOU'VE SEEN ME. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE WITHOUT EVEN SEEING ME."**

### **PURPOSE OF THE BOOK**

30 THE CREW SAW YESHUA DO A LOT MORE MIRACLES ON TOP OF THE ONES WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK. 31 BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN SO THAT YOU MIGHT BELIEVE THAT YESHUA IS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD, AND BY BELIEVING YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER CUZ OF HIS NAME.

## **CHAPTER 21**

### **THE RISEN CHRIST TALKS TO HIS CREW**

1 LATER ON, YESHUA SHOWED HIMSELF AGAIN TO HIS CREW AT TIBERIAS LAKE. IT WENT DOWN LIKE THIS: 2 SIMON PETER, THOMAS (AKA THE TWIN), NATHANAEL (FROM THE HOOD CALLED CANA IN GALILEE), ZEBEDEE'S SONS, AND TWO OTHER HOMIES WERE HANGING OUT. 3 SIMON PETER SAID TO THEM, "I'M GOING FISHING." SO THE OTHERS SAID, "WE'LL ROLL WITH YOU." THEY WENT OUT AND GOT INTO A BOAT, BUT THEY AIN'T CATCH ONE FISH THAT WHOLE NIGHT.

4 EARLY IN THE MORNING, YESHUA STOOD ON THE SHORE OF THE LAKE. THE HOMIES AIN'T KNOW IT WAS YESHUA. 5 THEN YESHUA SAID TO THEM, **"KIDS, YOU GOT ANY FISH?"** THEY SAID,

"NO." 6 HE SAID TO THEM, **"THROW YOUR NET**

**OVER THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BOAT. THEN**

**YOU'LL CATCH SOME FISH."** THEY PUT OUT THE NET, BUT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO PULL IT IN CUZ IT WAS SO FULL OF FISH.

7 THEN THE HOMIE WHO YESHUA LOVED SAID TO PETER, "IT'S THE BOSS!" WHEN PETER HEARD IT WAS THE BOSS, HE PUT ON THE COAT HE HAD TAKEN OFF, AND JUMPED INTO THE WATER. 8 THE OTHER HOMIES FOLLOWED IN THE BOAT, CUZ THEY WERE PULLING THE NET FULL OF FISH AND THEY WEREN'T TOO FAR FROM LAND.



9 WHEN THEY CAME TO LAND THEY SAW SOME FISH AND BREAD ON A CHARCOAL FIRE. 10 YESHUA SAID TO THEM, **"BRING SOME OF THE FISH YOU'VE JUST CAUGHT."** 11 SO SIMON PETER GOT ON BOARD AND PULLED THE NET TO LAND. THERE WERE 153 HUGE FISH, STILL THE NET AIN'T BREAK EVEN WITH SO MANY.

12 YESHUA SAID TO THEM, **"COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST."** NOT ONE OF THE HOMIES ASKED, "WHO ARE YOU?" THEY KNEW IT WAS THE BOGG. 13 YESHUA CAME AND TOOK BREAD AND FISH AND GAVE IT TO THEM. 14 THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME YESHUA SHOWED HIMSELF TO HIS CREW AFTER HE HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD.

#### **THE RISEN CHRIST TALKS TO PETER**

15 WHEN THEY WERE DONE EATING, YESHUA SAID TO SIMON PETER, **"SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?"** PETER ANSWERED YESHUA, "YES, BOGG, YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU." YESHUA SAID TO HIM, **"FEED MY LAMBS."**

16 YESHUA SAID TO PETER THE SECOND TIME, **"SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME?"** HE ANSWERED YESHUA, "YES, BOGG, YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU." YESHUA SAID TO HIM, **"TAKE CARE OF MY SHEEP."**

17 YESHUA SAID TO PETER THE THIRD TIME, **"SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME?"** PETER FELT BAD CUZ YESHUA ASKED HIM THE THIRD TIME, **"DO YOU LOVE ME?"** HE ANSWERED YESHUA, "BOGG, YOU KNOW EVERYTHING. YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU." YESHUA SAID TO HIM, **"FEED MY SHEEP. 18 FOR SURE, I TELL YOU, WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG, YOU PUT ON YOUR BELT AND WENT WHEREVER YOU WANTED TO GO. WHEN YOU GET OLD, YOU'LL PUT OUT**



**YOUR HANDS AND SOMEONE ELSE WILL PUT ON YOUR BELT AND TAKE YOU A WAY WHERE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO."** <sup>19</sup> HE SAID THIS TO TELL PETER WHAT KIND OF DEATH HE WOULD DIE TO HONOR GOD.

AFTER YESHUA SAID THIS, HE SAID TO PETER, **"FOLLOW ME."** <sup>20</sup> PETER TURNED AROUND. HE SAW THE HOMIE YESHUA LOVED, FOLLOWING. THIS ONE HAD BEEN BESIDE YESHUA AT THE SUPPER. THIS IS THE ONE WHO HAD ASKED YESHUA, "BOGG, WHO WILL HAND YOU OVER?" <sup>21</sup> PETER SAW HIM AND SAID TO YESHUA, "BUT BOGG, WHAT BOUT THIS ONE?" <sup>22</sup> YESHUA SAID, **"IF I WANT THIS ONE TO WAIT UNTIL I COME,**

**WHAT IS THAT TO YOU? YOU FOLLOW ME."** <sup>23</sup> SO THE NEWS SPREAD AMONG THE CREW THAT THIS HOMIE WOULD NOT DIE. BUT YESHUA DID NOT SAY TO HIM THAT HE WOULD NOT DIE. HE JUST SAID, **"IF I WANT HIM TO WAIT UNTIL I COME,**

**WHAT IS THAT TO YOU?"**

#### **JOHN TELLS THAT HE WROTE THIS BOOK**

<sup>24</sup> THIS IS THE HOMIE WHO IS TELLING THIS STORY AND WROTE IT DOWN FOR Y'ALL. WE KNOW THAT HIS WORD IS TRUE. <sup>25</sup> THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS WHICH YESHUA DID ALGO. IF THEY WERE ALL WRITTEN DOWN, I DON'T THINK THE WORLD ITSELF COULD HOLD THE BOOKS THAT WOULD BE WRITTEN.

## **NOTE FROM THE TRANSLATOR:**

THERE ARE MANY OTHER STORIES ABOUT YESHUA WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS OF MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE, BUT THIS STORY WAS FROM JOHN'S PERSPECTIVE. I RECOMMEND READING THE OTHER BOOKS AS WELL TO GET A FULL PICTURE OF YESHUA'S LIFE ON EARTH. ULTIMATELY, MY PRAYER IS THAT YOU WILL REALIZE THAT HE IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS AND THESE STORIES ARE TRUE. WITH THAT, YOU SHOULD COME TO THE REALIZATION THAT HE WILL BE BACK ONE DAY. WHEN HE DOES COME BACK, HE WILL RAISE THE DEAD AGAIN AND CHANGE THIS WORLD FOREVER. BUT IN ORDER TO BENEFIT FROM THAT, WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION TODAY WHO WE WILL CHOOSE TO FOLLOW. GOD OR THE DEVIL. WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE? PLEASE CHOOSE GOD BY OBEYING THE WORDS OF HIS SON YESHUA. YOUR ETERNAL FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT. THANK YOU FOR READING.

**“ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO MY TEACHING AND FOLLOWS IT IS WISE, LIKE A PERSON WHO BUILDS A HOUSE ON SOLID ROCK. THOUGH THE RAIN COMES IN TORRENTS AND THE FLOODWATERS RISE AND THE WINDS BEAT AGAINST THAT HOUSE, IT WON'T COLLAPSE BECAUSE IT IS BUILT ON BEDROCK. BUT ANYONE WHO HEARS MY TEACHING AND DOESN'T OBEY IT IS FOOLISH, LIKE A PERSON WHO BUILDS A HOUSE ON SAND. WHEN THE RAINS AND FLOODS COME AND THE WINDS BEAT AGAINST THAT HOUSE, IT WILL COLLAPSE WITH A MIGHTY CRASH.”** (THE BOOK OF MATTHEW CHAPTER 7 VERSES 24 TO 27 FROM THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

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