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Yordan's Testimony



Hello dear brothers and sisters, in Christ my name is Yordan and here is my testimony of how Christ saved me. I was sitting in my room and deeply involved in drugs and smoking marijuana. And then the devil entered my body and was moving me to jump out of my window on the 7th floor And suddenly I had no control over my body and something was moving my body to jump. Then suddenly A big light came out of nowhere and hit my body And I shook and began crying in anguish because I knew that it was Jesus who saved me because I was going to jump and suddenly He came by the holy spirit to save me. I began crying and telling God how sorry I am for my sins and that day I was born again and had peace and was freed from the domain of darkness. Now I have Joy peace and live normal live praying and communing with my Lord Jesus. *"And they overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony."*

Thank you Lord I hope my testimony encourages someone here. Amen

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Kim's Life: From Drugs and Alcohol to Faith in Jesus Christ



I was lost to life in the fast lane from a very early age. I came out of a a broken, lonely childhood and immediately got caught up in alcoholism, promiscuity, gambling, lying, stealing, etc. my life was a shambles almost from the start. When I was 33 I finally hit rock bottom, having shamed myself to the point I knew that I would have to kill myself if I didn't change. I just could not go on the way I had been going for so long.

I'm not one of those who changed in a minute. Mine was a slow, step by step process, but I knew there was a God and He wanted me to triumph over everything, I just didn't know His name was Jesus Christ.

For years I bounced along reading a lot of "New Age" books and eventually I began to have "psychic" experiences. I think I stayed away from Jesus because I couldn't deal with His gruesome death or understand what it meant to me and my life.

About 5-6 years ago I got interested in astral projection and bought a book on the subject, intending to give it a try. I didn't know at the time that I was opening myself up to demonic stuff, but that's exactly what happened. And I found out that all that "psychic" stuff had also been demonic activity. Cut to the chase, I began to experience demonic attacks that only calling on the name of Jesus Christ could stop. And that's when I knew that it was Him, and only Him.

Jesus Christ is the only Son of the living Almighty God and He reigns in heaven exactly as the Bible describes. Of that, I have zero doubts. And because He left His heavenly home to come to earth and willingly submit to extreme torture on my behalf, I don't have to burn in hell as I deserve. He has forgiven my sins and will remember them no more. I am saved.

We all owe Him a debt we can never repay, but all he asks of us is to accept His gift and live as He

taught. I adore Him. I have fallen in love. He is most deserving of worship. Amen.

I hope my testimony helps bring another soul to The Lord. That's the best I can hope to do for Him.

Paedru's Testimony



If anyone hears my tiny voice amongst the massive Information Blob in the internet . You have come to the right place to hear about God's great saving power.

Where my seeking heart poured out my voice and reached the heavens and the heavenly father has responded. Yes,,I see Life differently now..

LIFE is now a leisure lake for me to swim in; as my Life depends entirely on him – The father almighty.

> Let's take A little dip into faith.

I was in the kitchen cutting vegetables ..helping my mother in preparing breakfast and all my thoughts were chained in one direction – How do I do it ?? .. There was a massive task in front of me…Seeing LIFE for the first time at the closest where the onus for everything was directly on me and my brother.

Being a Christian I somehow had that shallow faith that the LORD will make it happen. But being a person who works in the corporate I just needed a Concrete plan. I believe the word JUST is over exaggerated in my previous statement considering all the hardships we had been through in the year 2013 & 2014 .

It seemed as if I had to stand and deliver in LIFE and nothing short of that was acceptable .. as one step short would mean like crashing down..

It was a perfect situation of man v/s Tide.

I will tell you a little about what the years were :

The Lord took my father in December 2013.I just could not comprehend, did not know how to react as I was caught up in my own world of working hard and became thick skinned as all my thoughts before that fateful day was about going abroad and advancing in career. As a result I really could not react to my father's death.. I was there but there was little I could do to save my father. Please don't get me wrong.. I ensured dad was in hospital and got treatment with all my strength but I did not take up his health issue as a top priority when there was time some months before ..thinking that he was recovering and God will take care of him without putting in my full efforts ..

Then what ensured after that was Chaos/confusion and more confusion to a point that Bad days had no end.

My brother being more compassionate and caring than I am took good care of my father.. Since he had taken care of my father before shifting to Chennai for a job..I was not so conscious about my father's degrading heath and eventually God took him from suffering into his own hands..

I felt bad for many things and eventually hated myself..

1. Why did I not do what I had to do as a son and take care of my father.

2. My father trusted me so much that at before his passing away he said that he had no worries of me and I could take care of myself in LIFE. At that point I had no clue of what was to come shortly afterwards….

3. After my dad went to heaven I continued working with zeal in the JOB..although not happily, but I put efforts again in work…I was selfish I think ; Mad…and really went on in with the demands of LIFE…

4. Even then, thoughts came about progressing in LIFE about a career jump etc…rather I should have dropped all worldly plans and just tried to move slowly in LIFE.

5. Many tasks came into my hands as my brother was caught up in Chennai and I had to handle it.

My Mom had to undergo Cataract surgery, She had developed high Blood pressure, She had to undergo Physiotherapy shortly afterwards , we had to do some transactions involving huge amount amongst all the emotional turmoil , one family friend cheated us of a huge amount of rupees, my mother was emotionally affected by her own brother's behavior. He lived just a stone's walk from our house but he discouraged my mother from going to their house when I was at work and when she was alone during the day by not behaving in a consoling manner. Apart from this my brother got a job back in Mumbai but one day before coming to Mumbai he met with a Bike accident and was saved by God's grace. My mother's eye on which the cataract surgery was done was accidently injured. My knee was dislocated, Meanwhile we got news that some villagers had occupied two of our Lands. All of this happened when my father had dreamt that in next few months we will be going to Native place to settle down..So even his dreams were not materialized. And the last we missed our flight to go to native place from Mumbai on our dad's 1st year anniversary … And to add a final touch I almost lost my Job as I was released from a project in which I was working.

I was furious at the Lord. And even abused him many times. (Forgive me Lord)

The reason being…I had trusted him before my dad passed away .. Let's pitch back to a few months before my dad passed away as to why I trusted him and left his health completely into God's hands.

The mornings used to be happy and holy. I used to sleep till about 6:30 am after coming late at night and working hard. But my mom and dad used to wake up at about 5:30am go for morning walk .. come back ..immediately turn on a Channel in which God's preachings were aired. There used to be Godly music played in the channel ..I could almost everyday see my mom and dad reading the bible together. I used to happily leave the house to work as I could see both of them happy. I was contented.

I knew there was a humongous task in front of my dad as he had planned in settling down at native place. But I was confident that everything that seemed impossible like me changing my Job location and adjusting to a new environment will be possible by God's love on us. He would do it for us.

But everything crashed.. God changed the plans.

Now what…

I became a pessimistic about everything. I wanted to hate everything and everyone.. People who mattered to us before started behaving weirdly and selfishly and used to jeer and mock as if we were now totally destroyed. Some were even happy that such thing happened to my mother.

I was reluctant to do many things as task after task after task after task was burdened on me…I was emotionally burdened .. physically burdened to take care of mother, do many household tasks.. handle my Job(I really did not like to work but I had to do that ..)Somehow I was so over exhausted that occasionally I used to feel a slight pain on the left side ..like a physical piercing pain in my heart.. But did not have time to go to doctor as I was afraid it may reveal something severe

medically and give additional burden.

I had to stand up..which I decide to do and eventually did.. But where is the time to mourn for the loss of my father?…I really did not have time..I had to put every iota of my thoughts into coming out of this mess .That is , I had to solve the practicalities of LIFE like..getting my mother treated….settling down in native place..getting married and see LIFE a few years ahead and plan accordingly.

In short I had no time for an emotional outburst which I really want to since I want to cry out and feel…I just didn't want to get over it….I really want my father back.. I lost him!!! Now only one practical option remains.. to see him in heaven when I am gone.(I personally don't like it since I want to see him happy in his retired LIFE).I want him here on earth with me..

Coming back to reality.. Somehow a year passed ..GoD worked his miracles through these tough and rough times.. Firstly My mother got a bit emotionally stable. One of our relatives stood up with us though this tough phase and by Gods grace he is helping us in many ways (he too is a strict catholic like us..God bless him)..and I almost lost my Job. Now how is that good??

I feel it is good because it was that Job that caused me to give priority to career..maybe I could have been more diligent in treating my dad.

I did take care of my dad in many ways but every doctor we went to could not help my father with all the side effects that he was experiencing.. May be it was Gods plan.

Now as of January 2015 I am writing this testimony to you wherein I am losing my Job and at this rate if I were to stay without a software project in my company, I will be eventually asked to leave the company. This is the Current status.

But we'll see how God changes it..

Let's backtrack to the scene of my narration where I was in the kitchen cutting vegetables……

I am thinking of the near future and pacifying myself ..

A thought says: It will become all right !!!

But suddenly another contradicting thought comes to my mind: But how to do it? What if things go wrong in Chennai (My Native place where my father wanted to settle down)….I have heard in Chennai robbers are ruthless in stealing.. It is not safe for my mother.

Another thought says: We have time but we need a plan..

Another thought says: We have enough material possessions it's just a matters of executing it

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Another thought says: Should I buy a house in Chennai.. But I don't have enough money for that..

Another thought says: How is LIFE going to be…?

And in this manner I am getting discouraged and confused all along the way**..(Devil wants us to be remain in fear and loose hope)**

Suddenly out of this confusion. I hear a voice in my conscience in a comforting and the most assuring manner : My Son! You just go. I will lead the way..(I have not given the exact words as I was overjoyed to an extends that I did not register them in my memory).It was the most assuring voice I heard and I can bet that my brain can't thing postives like this when I am already into some serious thinking.. Yes..It was God's voice..

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And immediately my brain was able to pick up the waves and a scene of Moses leading the children of Egypt under the clear open light blue skies was created in my mid…My brain immediately thought ..Moses was too given a tough task.. He had an entire army to take out.. Did not know where to go ..He could easily have been worried like I was.. But he had immense and extreme confidence in the LORD that was unshakable come what may…The task and troubles are nothing in front of the LORD..

I became very relieved and happy and light hearted and cheerful that morning that I felt so light that I immediately started praying and praising the Lord..I can't describe it. You got to feel it to know it.

*All that I remember that I was quiet at that time and God heard my fears and worries. Remember God talks when you are quiet.. That is why morning time is the right time to pray.. since you are fresh from bed and you mind is thoughtless.

I say to you my dear friend ..the Bible is a living word .. When you read it; it might seem like a History text book.. like recounting incidents that happened long long ago..

But remember ,it is relevant and the words and quotes that the LORD used to help his children (Moses,Job,….)out of harms way in the bible will be used to speak to you so that you know when the LORD is speaking to you.. **In my case God told the words of leading the way for me and taking complete ownership of my problems.**

When the Lord speaks you will feel as if you are comforted. If any of you reading this happens to be a practical and scientific thinker, you will be tempted to think that the brain is releasing some Alpha waves which is motivating you.. It is not that it- It is stronger than those thoughts..

Loose yourself when that happens.. Don't think ; just let the emotions flow.. Cause when God touches you by the power of the holy spirit sometime people get the gift of tongues..or the gift of tears…Some begin to cry, some become Overjoyed.. I became overjoyed ..

This is THE PROMISE that the Lord gave only to you..

This is the first level.. where you have prayed to him and he has listened your prayers and he also has expressed it for you..

The second level is FAITH… **This is what counts**…(And for the Non-believers this is the differentiating point between practical thinking and miracles happening.. Beyond this point all practical thought and efforts spend in any direction is useless and a mere waste)

Yes FAITH..is what takes you there ..like where Moses reached to the safest and farthest point where pharaoh's men could not reach .

What is FAITH then ?? FAITH is where no logic applies.. If you try to apply logic then you just lost the charm of it. The gift that was your way won't come to you…It is revoked..(Pls correct me if I am wrong about the revoking part since I speak from my experience)..

I believe faith is what convinces God that you wholeheartedly trust him..

I will give you example of how to apply faith in the below narration.

Faith is something you need to **apply** ..even if you get distracted and are not convinced.

I have highlighted the word **Apply** since Faith means to apply God's love and promise without trusting your instincts and logic.

Just do what the Lord commands no interruption and interpretation from your side is expected !!!

In my case what was God's promise? .. It was that he will lead the way..

Coming back to the same day in the morning…

I am overjoyed now .. I went to office and spent the day reading through mails and I got information that there is a Walkin Interview that's happening on the very next day i.e a Saturday.

Usually I had bad experiences in Walkin interviews. I have attended numerous of walkins..Failed badly and strongly believed I need someone to set me up in the company to get selected.. So it was a very faint opportunity of getting selected. But I need that job badly as I was about to loose my job.

Anyways I walked into the interview venue on the next day and God begins to give me

symptoms of his presence . – I was confident that morning. I checked in as candidate number 12 into the office which is one of my lucky numbers. I was called first to give my interview. The person taking my interview did not seem so professional or intimidating nor did he seem very learned or did he seem negative. He seemed very normal in normal clothes and was average looking by appearance which indeed boosted my confidence and I gave the best shot in God's given strength.

Second round also went well that the interviewer almost told me I was selected. I walked out of the venue happy and contended.

Two days passed no sign of a call or confirmation that I am selected. I am waiting patiently with confidence in the Lord's promise ..In our two day's morning prayers we had this intention of JOB for me .

Nothing happened yet. So I started thinking hard trying to get any way to find if I am in the job or not. I suddenly remembered a colleague from my office also had attended the interview on Saturday and she too had cleared two rounds. So I started to think if I should ask her if she got any confirmation about the job for her. I was so desperate

Immediately I got a message from God in my mind. **Trust the LORD.**

This meant I should not ask her for any clue or try any logical ways to know about the Job. Which will imply that I am not trusting the Lord and trying to desperately get the information.

So I went to office as usual. Again the devil strikes back and I went to meet her and to ask her.

Before I was to talk to her again this message clearly is played in my mind repeatedly to trust God. So confidently I walked back and never asked her and waited patiently in Lord's promise.

.On the third day too we lit candles and prayed specially for this intention. Within two hours before I was to leave for job that day I got a mail from the company asking me to submit document to process the JOB offer. (Praise the LORD!!!)

Today as I write this testimony I am waiting to get the final Job Offer letter yet. But I am trusting the Lord it will happen and I am least worried now.

Coming back to other problems to solve for my family.. Now I believe God has stepped into our Lives. He will take over.. I whole heartedly believe that too. And I KNOW he will time to time give me messages in my conscience to take the right decisions and steps provided I keep my soul clean.

I am writing this as I still have one favor to ask God.. that he show me a VISION of my dad in heaven.. After that in LIFE I will not ask anything no more.. Praise be to God .

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I am writing this testimony so that the LORD will speak to **YOU** somehow.. You just have to be tuned in and raise your troubles unto him..He chooses channels to talk to you depending upon your personality and strength of your belief:

a. For people like me , who like to be time and again reminded of God's love.. and who wants to convince myself that God really exists ..God uses Your conscience to talk to you..
b. For people that still don't' know about Jesus or even heard about him.. he will appear to him .
c. For people who are innocent he will protect them.

My advice- Stay tuned always as God constantly speaks to you through your conscience everywhere you go and in everything that you do.

Praise be to GOD. Praise be to Jesus.

Dewey's Testimony



My Testimony

***Note: The text and numbers that are included in parenthesis are references to verses in The Bible. They are included for support and encouragement to all who read this testimony.**

This is my personal testimony regarding how Jesus Christ has changed my life:

Introduction:

Process. This single word can be used to summarize my relationship with Jesus Christ. Defined as "a series of actions or steps taken in order to achieve a particular end," the process of which I am referring to is God sculpting me into the "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14) masterpiece that He has created me to be. The "series of actions/steps" involved in the sculpting procedures are never-ending and I will not be a finalized work until until I reside in The Kingdom of Heaven (1 Peter 5:10). However, my journey with Christ during my Earthly life is not one of perfection, but of direction. Although that journey tends to be ever changing and unpredictable, the direction always remains constant- Steadfast pursuit towards "the narrow gate" (Matthew 7:13-14) with the Heavenly Father as my guide (Psalm 32:8). With each passing day, God continues to mold me into the Disciple I was created to be (Isaiah 64:8). Throughout the course of this eternal walk with God, it is only Him that I wish to receive glory, honor and praise; I am merely a vessel at the disposal of my Master (2 Timothy 2:21). The Lord has placed it on my heart to publicly share my story of being redeemed by His Grace and Love, and it is my prayer that through the sharing of my testimony, God's Love can be witnessed and received by somebody who comes across this text. To all reading this, may The Lord bless you and keep you everyday of your life (Numbers 6:24), and may you come to experience the greatest love this world has ever seen through a relationship with Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5)! Never forget: God loves you more than you could ever fathom no matter who you are, where you come from or what you have done in your life (Romans 5:8)!

Some background information about my life, and the mission that The Lord has placed on my heart to carry out:

My name is Dewey Dovel, and I am a Disciple of Jesus Christ. My mission for my life is to do everything in my power to spread The Gospel to all of creation (Mark 16:15), while sharing God's Love in my words and deeds (1 Corinthians 16:14). I want to be a "fisher of people" (Matthew 4:19), and a bold witness for The Lord (Acts 4:29). I want to live my life as a humble servant of The Kingdom of God consecrated to our Heavenly Father in order to fulfill my life's purpose: Complete devotion to carrying out "The Great Commission" (Matthew 28:18-20). I have been called to preach The Gospel, and I will do so as enthusiastically, eagerly and passionately as I can (Romans 1:15) while being as obedient as possible to the direction and guidance that the Holy Spirit provides me with throughout the course of my ministry/life (John 16:13). I couldn't feel anymore blessed or humbled in regards to where my life is taking me, and in the fact that God would anoint me with a future of proclaiming His Message; As the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:16: "For when I preach The Gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach The Gospel." I truly am compelled to preach The Truth that is Jesus Christ (John 14:6) and the love that He has for the WHOLE world (John 3:16). I believe that there is no greater message to be shared in our world, than the message that is God's Love for humans exhibited through what Christ did for us on The Cross (1 John 4:10). It is His everlasting love that millions in our world today are longing for;

They search to fill the void in their lives with anything they can find to satisfy the eternal emptiness that encompasses their hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Millions relish in temporary sin and pleasure to escape from the problems that they are faced with on a daily basis only to be disappointed and further grieved as their efforts to escape prove to be futile (Hebrews 11:25). Many individuals are searching for truth to the seemingly endless questions that are present in our world while longing for a better tomorrow (John 18:38). Our world wants change, revolution and solutions to fix our society and rescue mankind from the pits of our own self-destruction! It is only through Jesus Christ that we can witness a transformation in the hearts of humans (Ezekiel 36:26). Only through Christ can man find the solution to its problems and fill the void that is present at its core (Psalm 16:11). Only through Jesus Christ can we experience the hope and change we long for as a world (1 Peter 1:3)! It is through Christ alone that my life was forever changed! He has brought me a renewed life filled with joy, peace, rest and hope for my future. In placing your trust in Him, He will do the same for you! (Matthew 11:28-30)

Prologue To My Testimony:

Now I know this introduction of who I am might make me appear as if I have had my life together from day one. Many people that I have shared these aspirations and desires for my life with are blown away by my passion and zeal I have for what God has called me to do; Many are quick to note that the typical 19 year old college student would much rather be intoxicated with the world than intoxicated with the Holy Spirit! Truthfully, I wish I could honestly say that the man described in my introductory paragraphs was the man that I have been since day one. As I alluded to towards the end of the previous paragraph, that man being described couldn't be any farther from the man I was before I met Christ! As a matter of fact, the man described in the previous paragraph does not paint an accurate picture of the man that I was the first 17 years of my life. In actuality, my past paints a clear picture of the two faced, narcissist, porn addicted, insecure, spiritually lost young man that I was until the moment when The Lord rescued me from the clutches of worldliness. It wasn't until I turned to Jesus Christ, repented (turned away from) of my sin and accepted Him as my Lord and Savior by receiving Him into my heart by faith that my life was changed. It wasn't by good works or anything that I ever did to earn my salvation or righteousness in the eyes of The Lord, but it was God's Grace alone that saved me from my hopeless life (Ephesians 2:8-9). It was through God's Power manifested through the Holy Spirit that regenerated my life, and continues to direct the course of my life on a daily basis. Jesus Christ set me free (John 8:36), and gradually pulled me out of the abyss that was Satan's grasp on my life. It was at The Cross where my life was changed forever; As I discovered from personal experience, it is ONLY at The Cross where our lives can be made new, and restored eternally through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)!

Testimony:

I grew up in a household with a family strong in their Christian faith. As a child, I constantly sought my parent's approval and did everything I could to make them proud of me. My parents showered me in nothing but love, and I couldn't be anymore blessed or thankful to have them as my parents. I loved nothing more than the feeling of pleasing my parents, and over the course of time I made it my

top priority to receive attention and praise from them. However, as I began elementary school it didn't take me long to realize that it would take a different kind of behavior in order to stand out in front of my classmates. From my perspective at the time, the behavior that was necessary to obtain attention from my peers was not the same behavior that my parents had taught me during my childhood. I knew that in order to be "cool" and "fit in," I would have to act in a way that was similar to the people I was surrounded with. Although this behavior would not reflect how my parents raised me, I was willing to do whatever it took to win the approval of my peer group. After all, garnering attention and praise from my parents had always been great, so naturally I assumed that any kind of attention received from my peers would be equally as satisfying. I wanted popularity, I wanted acceptance and I was not going to be labeled as average. My desire for self-gratification and attention was so powerful (even at a young age), that I began to act out in any way possible to be the center of attention. The line that divided right and wrong became a blur to me as I starved for prominence in my social circle; Because I believed it would make me "cool and grown up," I began to swear at the age of 7. In a short amount of time, my flamboyance and ostentatious antics began to gain me the notoriety that I hoped for. In reflection, the publicity I was receiving from my classmates was more negative than positive. Nevertheless, I was satisfied that people were paying attention to me. Like it was with my parents (in my eyes), the actions of Dewey Dovel were the focal point of my peers. Unfortunately, I got to the point to where I was living two lives: the one my parents saw at home while I was in their presence, and the one I lived when I was around my peers. This was only the beginning of my gradual start down a slippery slope that only led to feelings of emptiness, discontentment and inadequacy. Before long, my growing thirst for social acceptance and conditional happiness would reach such a point that nothing could quench it. Heading into the genesis of my adolescence, I was in trouble.

I was confirmed and baptized at Crossroads United Methodist Church when I was 11 years old. As I previously noted, my family was strong in their faith, and as far as I was concerned I had inherited their faith/religious beliefs. We attended church as regularly as we could, and from conversations with my parents in addition to what I learned at church, I had a decent idea (for an 11 year old) about who Jesus was, and what He did for mankind. I also knew that if one was a Christian, they got to go to Heaven and at the time that was enough for me to want to be a Christian. After all, in my thought process I determined that one would be crazy to not want to go to Heaven! It was also around this time that I discovered that many of my classmates were beginning to be baptized or had already been baptized. I did not want to be left out of something that appeared to be the popular thing to do amongst my peers. So around the beginning of 6th grade, I began to ask my parents if I could be baptized since I was a "Christian." I told them exactly what I knew they wanted to hear: "I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins and I accept Him as my Lord and Savior." Sure enough, my plea for their approval regarding my baptism was good enough to receive their blessing. Following a "Confirmation" process through our church, I was baptized and I couldn't have been any happier! My parents were so proud of me, and now I finally had the justification to brag to my classmates that I was baptized. Looking back, in my heart I know that although I had been baptized and had "accepted" Christ, I had not fully surrendered my life to Him; I had not truly accepted Christ into my heart, but merely said the right things to appease my parents so I could do what I believed to be the popular thing to do at the time. The fruit that was produced (See Matthew 7:15-20) in my life for the

next 6 years would prove that I was still as spiritually lost as I was before I was baptized. Honestly, things only got worse for me (spiritually/emotionally/socially) from that day forward for quite some time.

My life was a blur from that day forward. On the surface, things were looking great; I was excelling in school and in baseball. My parents couldn't have been any more proud of the man I was becoming. I was attending church weekly, and proudly proclaimed that I was a Christian to my peers. Life was about as good as it could have been, or so it would appear to be from the outside. Truthfully, reflecting back on my life from 11-17, I couldn't have been anymore miserable. At the age of 13, I became addicted to pornography. My misery was fueled by this powerful addiction and the effects of my newfound obsession would prove to be tumultuous. I was fascinated with the visual and physical temporary pleasure that pornography offered me. I knew from my parent's instruction that premarital sex was wrong, and somehow to this day I have abstained from it. However, my mentality soon became that if I could not have sex, I was going to get all the sexual satisfaction I wanted from what online pornography had to offer me. It did not take me long to become consumed with lust, and buried deep in the trap that is porn. Also, my language and dialect was very inappropriate; It felt as if every other word I said was a curse word, and try as I did, I could not stop cursing by my own power. What had begun as an attempt to sound cool to impress my peers had now become words that were rooted deep within my vocabulary. Worst of all, as middle school progressed into high school, my efforts to win the approval of my peers were failing. Out of frustration for what I perceived as a lack of my classmate's appreciation of me, I began to treat many of my peers very poorly, and from that moment forward I felt that the only way I could get any acceptance was to act out in negative ways. This would result in me spending more time in the halls exiled from class than actually in the classroom. Because of growing insecurity of my public perception, I began to brag about my ability to play baseball and would lie/exaggerate about anything that could make me appear honorable to my classmates. I was completely enslaved to my desire to be popular, admired and accepted. Seeing my continued failures of gaining social acceptance only compounded my despair. To counter my growing depression, I turned to pornography even more and used it as an outlet to escape my self imposed "problems." Pornographic material provided me with a temporary outlet to satisfy myself and take my mind off of my growing social failures. I began to fall deeper and deeper into worldliness, which only magnified the temptations that were present in my life. Of course, with no Biblical foundation or relationship with God, I had no power of my own to withhold from porn or other forms of sin that I clearly knew were wrong. I trudged through my first two years of high school before I changed schools. The change of schools was the most difficult thing that I had endured at that point of my life. Not only was I separated from the few friends I had at my previous school, but I became a social outcast at my new educational institution. I can't begin to express the depression I felt on a daily basis during my junior year of high school. I had zero true friends and felt lost and alone. Granted, I had completely brought everything on myself. I was difficult to relate to, made little effort in participating in fellowship with my new classmates and distanced myself socially in fear of being rejected. As my senior year of high school rolled around, I was at rock bottom spiritually, emotionally and socially. I was deeply depressed, and I began to feel more alone than I had ever felt in my entire life. I had no desire to live, and thoughts began to cross my mind as to if anybody would even care if I died. In my opinion, my life lacked purpose and I felt as if my future

had no direction whatsoever. All of this led up to November 18, 2012 when my life was changed forever; It was on that date that I met the "Prince of Peace" for the first time in my life (Isaiah 9:6). In a matter of minutes following my introduction to Him, my life was never the same.

It was Thanksgiving Break. I was at my Grandmother's house alone, and I was deep in thought on the living room couch. Nothing in my life seemed to bring me any satisfaction. I felt exhausted spiritually from carrying the weight of my sinful baggage that I had accumulated from years of pornography addiction, self imposed social rejection and insecurities surrounding my public image in the eyes of my peers. I didn't know where else to turn, and as far as I was concerned life had lost its appeal. In hindsight, I was so consumed with the negative effects that my sin was having on my life that I was completely oblivious to all of what I had been blessed with. I had a full college baseball scholarship, I was set to graduate high school with honors and my family had provided me with virtually everything that I had ever asked for. Yet in the midst of it all, I could only dwell on my countless failed attempts at obtaining the social clout and attention that I craved. At some point during that emotional "pity party," I took out my cell phone in preparation to watch a pornographic video in order to escape from the onslaught of my despairing thoughts. As I took the phone out of my pocket, I noticed out of the corner of my eye a small book sitting on my Grandmother's coffee table. For whatever reason, I decided to pick it up and see what it was; It was a daily devotional book! Intrigued, I put my phone back in my pocket and started flipping through the pages and realized that there was a specific devotional for each individual date for every day of the year. I proceeded to turn to the November 18 devotional (the date of that particular day) and began to read the contents of the page. Immediately, my eyes burned from the tears that began to form, and before long I was weeping in the middle of my Grandmother's living room. Everything that I had been going through in my life socially, emotionally and spiritually was written on that page. It was as if I had given an interview of my life to a reporter, and I was reading the notes that were taken over what I had said. After I finished reading the devotional, I did something that I hadn't sincerely done in over 6 years- I prayed! In prayer, I asked God for the forgiveness of my sin, and begged for Jesus to come into my heart. I pleaded to my Heavenly Father that He would help give me the strength to change my life, turn away from my sin and restore it in such a way to remove my pain, insecurities and depression. Following my prayer, I felt a greater peace than I had ever felt in my entire life. Nothing special happened to me physically, but in my heart I knew that something had changed. At that moment, I officially was Born Again (John 3:3)! It was November 18, 2012 that I secured my eternal citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven. From that day forward, God began to transform every facet of my life! (Romans 12:1-2)

Through the power of The Holy Spirit, I put on "the new self," (Ephesians 4:24) or became a new Dewey Dovel! Obviously, the change I was undergoing was a process; I did not overcome my life of habitual sin overnight. However, the more I prayed, and the more frequently I read my Bible, the less attractive my old lifestyle trends became. I actually began to have success in overcoming the temptations in my life that were causing me to stumble and experience the heartache/inadequacy that I had been feeling for so many years. Slowly but surely, my language and dialect became more appropriate (Ephesians 5:4 & James 3:11). Over the course of a year and a half, my battle in overcoming pornography addiction was complete through the Power of Jesus Christ! I discovered

that the Power and Authority I had in the Name of Jesus was far more powerful than my lustful urges and sinful nature (Luke 10:19)! Also, The Lord freed me from the domineering insecurities of pleasing all of my peers. I began to solely focus on living out God's Will for my life to the best of my ability, and in time my concern for popularity/social prestige vanquished (Galatians 1:10 & 1 Thessalonians 2:4). To my surprise, the less I focused on being popular and forcing my peers to like me, the more my peers showed me their approval/favor. Nearly a year following me becoming Born Again on that November afternoon at my Grandmother's house, God called me to preach The Gospel. In June 2014, I was baptized again firmly solidifying my full circle in being transformed by The Lord into a New Creation! To make a long story short, God changed my life. It was through my faith in Him, and the encouragement He gave me through what The Bible teaches us about His Love that I could be set free from my life of sin (Romans 6:15-23). Honestly, overcoming my sin was not an easy task. The change was not instantaneous, and it was not always smooth sailing. There were many periods of frustration and confusion. There were occasional instances in which I would suffer a temporary relapse into pornography or cursing. However, the constant factor that gave me the strength to overcome my intoxication with worldliness was God's Love for me! I realized that no matter how many times I stumbled, God's support and love never wavered (Psalm 136:1). When I was at my lowest moments, God was right by my side (Psalm 23:4). He was always with me, even before I knew Him intimately through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:5). It was through Christ that I had the strength to overcome all the inequity in my life that was bogging me down (Philippians 4:13). It was Christ that gave me a new peace, a new hope and a fresh start in my life (Lamentations 5:21). No matter how many times I stumble (I continue to stumble more than I could ever keep track of), God's Love is enough to cover all my wrongs (Proverbs 10:12)! Jesus Christ has paid the price for my sin (1 Corinthians 6:19-20); He has made me righteous before God (1 Corinthians 1:30), given me new life (Galatians 2:19-21) and ONLY Christ deserves all glory, honor and praise (Revelation 5:12)! Not only has Jesus Christ changed my life, but He has the power to revolutionize EVERY life! He was sent by God to be the sacrifice for the sin of the WHOLE world! He is available to ALL people! (1 Timothy 2:4) He is ready to make an eternal impact on your life if you allow Him to do so! (James 4:8) Have you placed your trust and faith in Jesus Christ? Have you personally met the Prince of Peace?

Decision:

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."- John 8:34

Some of you reading this testimony might very well be prisoners to sin. You are prisoners to pride. You are prisoners to jealousy. You are prisoners to lust or insecurities. You are in bondage to some sort of immorality and you long to be set free. You are a prisoner and you have tried time after time to be set free, but you haven't been able to escape through your own strength. I tell you the truth, you can be set free by Jesus Christ! The truth shall set you free!

It is through Jesus Christ that we are set free from the shackles and bondage of all our sin, mistakes

and failures. It was only through God's Divine, Perfect Love that our lives can be transformed. It is through the precious blood of Jesus Christ that we can be set free of all our sins! (Romans 3:22) On that cross 2000 years ago, Christ bore all of our sin, guilt and shame; On that cross, Jesus Christ endured the epitome of the most humiliating, torturous way to die for EVERY person that has ever or will ever live! It is through God's Mercy, Forgiveness, Grace and Love that we have forever been set free of our transgressions when we freely receive Jesus Christ into our hearts as our Lord and Savior!

Jesus Christ came to save mankind! He came to set the whole world free from the bondage of sin! That means everybody! That means YOU! He thought about YOU on that Cross! Jesus Christ belongs to the whole world! He belongs to every race, gender, and ethnicity! He belongs to every sinner! He is the atonement for all sins! He lived a perfect, sinless life and willingly died on the cross to wipe away your sins once and for all! You can be cleansed, and you can have a clean slate from all your past, present and future transgressions! Through Jesus Christ, you can be eternally set free and eternally forgiven! All you have to do is ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart by faith, freely receive Him as your Lord and Savior, and turn away from your sin (repent) with the help of God through His Holy Spirit! It's as simple as that!

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."- 2 Corinthians 5:21

Wouldn't it be awesome to go to bed tonight and every night thereafter knowing you're forgiven of your sins? Wouldn't it be refreshing to know everyday that you are going to Heaven, and someday you will get to dwell with God for all of eternity? You can have that peace and assuredness by coming to The Cross, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior by FAITH!

"I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."- 2 Corinthians 6:2

Have you made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, say a similar version of this prayer to yourself, and at the conclusion of it you can know that you are forever saved! (See Romans 10:9-13)

Sinner's Prayer:

Dear God, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ. I acknowledge to You that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins and the life that I have lived; I need your forgiveness.

I believe that your only Son Jesus Christ shed His precious blood on the cross and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn from my sin in repentance.

You said in Your Holy Word, Romans 10:9 that if we confess that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, we shall be saved.

Right now God, I have acknowledged to you that I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. With my

heart, I believe that You raised Jesus from the dead, and I receive Him into my heart by faith. At this very moment I have become Born Again, and accept Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior and according to His Word, right now I am saved.

Thank you Jesus for your unlimited grace which has saved me from my sins. Lord Jesus transform my life so that I may bring glory and honor to you alone and not to myself.

Thank you Jesus for dying for me and giving me eternal life.

In Jesus' Name I Pray,

Amen.

If you just said this prayer and you meant it with all your heart, you are saved and you are Born Again. The Kingdom of Heaven is rejoicing at this very moment as new members of God's Kingdom have been established (Luke 15:10)! Congratulations! You are going to Heaven, and nothing will ever be able to take that away from you! The truth has set you free, and the truth (Jesus Christ) will be with you for the rest of your lives! Moving forward, I encourage you to get involved regularly with a church or Bible Study program to help you grow in your faith. Once you find a church home, the next step is to become water-baptized. By accepting Christ you are baptized in the spirit (John 20:22), but it is through water baptism that you show your obedience to God (Romans 6:3-8). Water baptism is a symbol of salvation from the dead, and a public profession of our faith in Christ.

This is only the beginning of your walk with The Lord! May our Heavenly Father bless you and keep you everyday of your life, while serving as your guide as you embark on your journey with Him by your side forever!

God Bless!

"…And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."- Matthew 28:20

Jesus the Christ

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HISTORY OF
Genealogy of
Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38
Facts before the birth of
The angel Gabriel appears to Mary (at Nazareth)
Luke 1:26-38
Mary visits Elisabeth (at Hebron?)
Luke 1:39-56
Mary's magnificat (at Hebron?)
Luke 1:46-55
An angel appears to Joseph concerning Mary (at Nazareth)
Matthew 1:18-25
Birth of (at Bethlehem)
Luke 2:1-7
Angels appear to the shepherds (in the vicinity of Bethlehem)
Luke 2:8-20
Magi (the wise men from the east) visit (at Bethlehem)
Matthew 2:1-12
Circumcision of (at Bethlehem)
Luke 2:21
Is presented in the temple (in Jerusalem)
Luke 2:21-38
Flight into and return from Egypt
Matthew 2:13-23
Discussions with the religious experts in the temple area (In Jerusalem)
Luke 2:41-52

Is immersed by John in the Jordan River
Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23
Temptation of (in the desert of Judaea)
Matthew 1:11; Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13
John's testimony concerning him
John 1:1-18
Testimony of John the Baptist concerning (at Bethabara)
John 1:19-34
Disciples adhere to
John 1:35-51
Miracle at Cana of Galilee
John 2:1-12
Drives the money-changers from the temple (in Jerusalem)
John 2:13-25
Nicodemus comes to Jesus (in Jerusalem)
John 3:1-21
His disciples immerse some of the people (at Aenon)
John 3:22; 4:2
Returns to Galilee
Matthew 4:12; Mark 1:14; Luke 4:14; John 4:1-3
Visits Sychar and teaches the Samaritan woman
John 4:4-42
Teaches in Galilee
Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14; 15; Luke 4:14; 15; John 4:43-45
Heals a nobleman's son of Capernaum (at Cana of Galilee)
John 4:46-54
Is rejected by the people of Nazareth; lives at Capernaum
Matthew 4:13-16; Luke 4:16-31
Chooses Peter, Andrew, James, and John as disciples; miracle Of the catch of fish (at Capernaum)
Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11
Preaches throughout Galilee
Matthew 4:23-25; Mark 1:35-39; Luke 4:42-44
Heals a demoniac (at Capernaum)
Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37
Heals Peter's mother-in-law (at Capernaum)
Matthew 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41
Heals a leper (in Galilee)
Matthew 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16
Heals a paralyzed man (at Capernaum)
Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26
Calls Matthew (Capernaum)
Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:13,14; Luke 5:27,28

Heals an immobile man at the pool of Bethesda (the best mss. have "Bethzatha") on the Sabbath day; is persecuted, and makes his defense
John 5
Defines the law of the Sabbath on the occasion of his disciples plucking the ears of grain (at Capernaum)
Matthew 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5
Heals a man having a withered hand (at Capernaum)
Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11
Withdraws from Capernaum to Lake Galilee, where he heals Many
Matthew 12:15-21; Mark 3:7-12
Goes up onto a mountain, and calls and commissions twelve Disciples (in Galilee)
Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-19
Delivers the "Sermon on the Mount" (in Galilee)
Matthew 5; 6; 7; Luke 6:20-49
Heals the servant of the centurion (near Capernaum)
Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10
Raises the widow's son from the dead (at Nain)
Luke 7:11-17
Receives the message from John the Baptist (in Galilee)
Matthew 11:2-19; Luke 7:18-35
Rebukes the unbelieving cities about Capernaum
Matthew 11:20-30
Anointed by a sinful woman (at Capernaum)
Luke 7:36-50
Preaches in the cities of Galilee
Luke 8:1-3
Heals a demoniac, and denounces the scribes and Pharisees (In Galilee)
Matthew 12:22-37; Mark 3:19-30; Luke 11:14-26
Replies to the scribes and Pharisees who seek a sign from Him (in Galilee)
Matthew 12:38-45; Luke 11:16-36
Denounces the Pharisees and other hypocrites (in Galilee)
Luke 11:37-54
Discourses to his disciples (in Galilee)
Luke 12:1-59
Parable of the barren fig tree (in Galilee)
Luke 13:6-9
Parable of the sower (at Lake Galilee)
Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-25; Luke 8:4-18
Parable of the tares and other teachings (in Galilee)
Matthew 13:24-53; Mark 4:26-34
Crosses Lake Galilee and quiets the squall
Matthew 8:18-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

Miracle of the swine (in Gadara)
Matthew 8:28-33; Mark 5:1-21; Luke 8:26-40
Returns to Capernaum
Matthew 9:1; Mark 5:21; Luke 8:40
Eats with tax collectors and sinners, and discourses on Fasting (Capernaum)
Matthew 9:10-17; Mark 2:15-22; Luke 5:29-39
Raises to life the daughter of Jairus, and heals the woman Who has the issue of blood (at Capernaum)
Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43; Luke 8:41-56
Heals two blind men and casts out an evil spirit from a mute Boy (at Capernaum)
Matthew 9:27-34
Returns to Nazareth
Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6
Teaches in various towns in Galilee
Matthew 9:35-38
Instructs his disciples and empowers them to heal diseases And cast out unclean spirits
Matthew 10; Mark 6:6-13; Luke 9:1-6
Herod (Antipas) falsely supposes him to be John, whom he had Beheaded
Matthew 14:1,2,6-12; Mark 6:14-16,21-29; Luke 9:7-9
The twelve apostles return; he goes to the desert, Multitudes follow him; he feeds five thousand (at Lake Galilee)
Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14
Walks on the lake (Lake Galilee)
Matthew 14:22-36; Mark 6:45-56; John 6:15-21
Teaches in the synagogue in Capernaum
John 6:22-65
Some disciples forsake him (at Capernaum)
John 6:66-71
He justifies his disciples in eating without washing their Hands (at Capernaum)
Matthew 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23
Heals the daughter of the Syro-Phoenician woman (near Tyre And Sidon)
Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
Heals a deaf man (in the Decapolis region)
Matthew 15:29-31; Mark 7:31-37
Feeds more than four-thousand people
Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9
Refuses to give a sign to the Pharisees (in the region of Magdala)
Matthew 16:1-4; Mark 8:10-12
Cautions his disciples against, the leaven (teachings) of Hypocrisy (on Lake Galilee)
Matthew 16:4-12; Mark 8:13-21
Heals a blind man (at Bethsaida)
Mark 8:22-26

Foretells his own death and resurrection (near Caesarea Philippi)
Matthew 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-38; 9:1; Luke 9:22-27
Is transfigured
Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36
Heals a demoniac (near Caesarea Philippi)
Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43
Foretells his own death and resurrection (in Galilee)
Matthew 17:22,23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:43-45
Miracle of the temple tax money in the fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27
Reproves the ambition of his disciples (at Capernaum)
Matthew 18:1-35; Mark 9:33-50; Luke 9:46-50
Reproves the intolerance of his disciples
Mark 9:38,39; Luke 9:49,50
Journeys to Jerusalem to attend the Feast of Tabernacles, Passing through Samaria
Luke 9:51-62; John 7:2-11
Commissions the seventy disciples (in Samaria)
Luke 10:1-16
Heals ten lepers (near the border between Samaria and Galilee)
Luke 17:11-19
Teaches in Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles
John 7:14-53; 8
Answers a Biblical expert, who tests his wisdom with the Question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" by the Parable of the Good Samaritan (in Jerusalem)
Luke 10:25-37
Hears the report of the seventy disciples (in Jerusalem)
Luke 10:17-24
Teaches in the house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (in Bethany)
Luke 10:38-42
Teaches his disciples to pray
Luke 11:1-13
Heals a blind man, who, because of his faith in Jesus, was Excommunicated (in Jerusalem)
John 9
Teaches people (in Jerusalem)
John 9:39-41; 10:1-21
Teaches in the temple (at Jerusalem) at the Feast of Dedication
John 10:22-39
Goes to Bethabara to escape violence from the rulers (east Of the Jordan River)
John 10:40-42; 11:3-16
Returns to Bethany and raises Lazarus from the dead
John 11:1-46
Escapes to the town of Ephraim from the conspiracy led by Caiaphas, the high priest (in Judaea,)

John 11:47-54
Journeys toward Jerusalem to attend the Passover; heals many Who are diseased, and teaches the people (in Peraea)
Matthew 19:1,2; Mark 10:1; Luke 13:10-35
Dines with a Pharisee on the Sabbath (in Peraea)
Luke 14:1-24
Teaches the multitude the conditions of discipleship (in Peraea)
Luke 14:25-35
Enunciates the parables of the lost sheep, of the lost piece Of silver, of the prodigal son, and of the unjust steward (In Peraea)
Luke 15:1-32; 16:1-13
Reproves the hypocrisy of the Pharisees (in Peraea)
Luke 16
Enunciates the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (in Peraea)
Luke 16:19-31
Teaches his disciples concerning offenses, meekness, and Humility (in Peraea)
Luke 17:1-10
Teaches the Pharisees concerning the coming of his kingdom (In Peraea)
Luke 17:20-37
Enunciates the parables of the unjust judge, and the Pharisee and publican praying in the temple (in Peraea)
Luke 18:1-14
Interprets the law concerning marriage and divorce (in Peraea)
Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:2-12
Blesses little children (in Peraea)
Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17
Receives the rich young ruler who asks what he shall do to Inherit eternal life (in Peraea)
Matthew 19:16-22; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:18-24
Enunciates the parable of the vineyard (in Peraea)
Matthew 20:1-16
Foretells his own death and resurrection (in Peraea)
Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34
Listens to the mother of James and John in behalf of her Sons (in Peraea)
Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45
Heals two blind men (at Jericho)
Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-50; Luke 18:35-43
Visits Zacchaeus
Luke 19:1-10
Enunciates the parable of the pounds (in Jericho)
Luke 19:11-28
Goes to Bethany six days before the Passover
John 12:1-9

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem, while the people throw palm Branches on the road in front of him
Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19
Enters the temple (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 21:12; Mark 11:11; Luke 19:45
Drives the money changers out of the temple (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 21:12,13; Luke 19:45,46
Heals the sick people in the temple courtyard (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 21:14
Teaches daily in the temple courtyard (in Jerusalem)
Luke 19:47,48
Performs the miracle of causing the barren fig tree to Wither (just outside Jerusalem)
Matthew 21:17-22; Mark 11:12-14,20-22
Enunciates
The parable of the two sons (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 21:28-31
The parable of the wicked husbandmen (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19
The parable of the marriage banquet (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24
Tested by the Pharisees and the Herodians, and enunciates The duty of a citizen to his government (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26
Tested by the Sadducees concerning the resurrection of the Dead (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40
Tested by a Biblical expert (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34
Exposes the hypocrisies of the scribes and Pharisees (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 23; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47
Verifies the prophecy of Isaiah concerning the unbelieving Jews
John 12:37-50
Foretells the destruction of the temple, and of Jerusalem (In Jerusalem)
Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21:5-36
Laments over Jerusalem (just outside Jerusalem)
Matthew 23:37; Luke 19:41-44
Enunciates the parables of the ten virgins and of the Talents
Matthew 25:1-30
Foretells the scenes of the day of judgment (on the Mount of Olives)
Matthew 25:31-46
Anointed with precious ointment (in Bethany)
Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8
His last Passover meal and his establishment of the Lord's Supper (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-25; Luke 22:7-20

Washes the disciples' feet (in Jerusalem)
John 13:1-17
Foretells his betrayal (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 26:23; Mark 14:18-21; Luke 22:21; John 13:18
Accuses Judas of his betrayal (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:21-30
Teaches his disciples, and comforts them with promises, and Promises the gift of the Holy Spirit (in Jerusalem)
John 14; 15; 16
One of his last prayers (in Jerusalem)
John 17
Retires to Gethsemane (on the Mount of Olives)
Matthew 26:30,36-46; Mark 14:26,32-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1
Is betrayed and apprehended (in the garden of Gethsemane)
Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-54,66-72; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2-12
Trial of, before Caiaphas (in Jerusalem)
Matthew 26:57,58,69-75; Mark 14:53,54,66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:13-18,25-27
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Matthew 26:59-68; Mark 14:55-65; Luke 22:63-71; John 18:19-21
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