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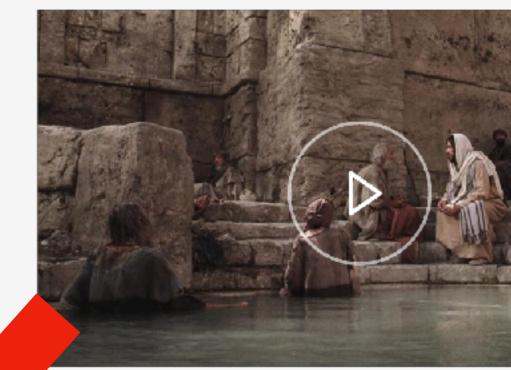
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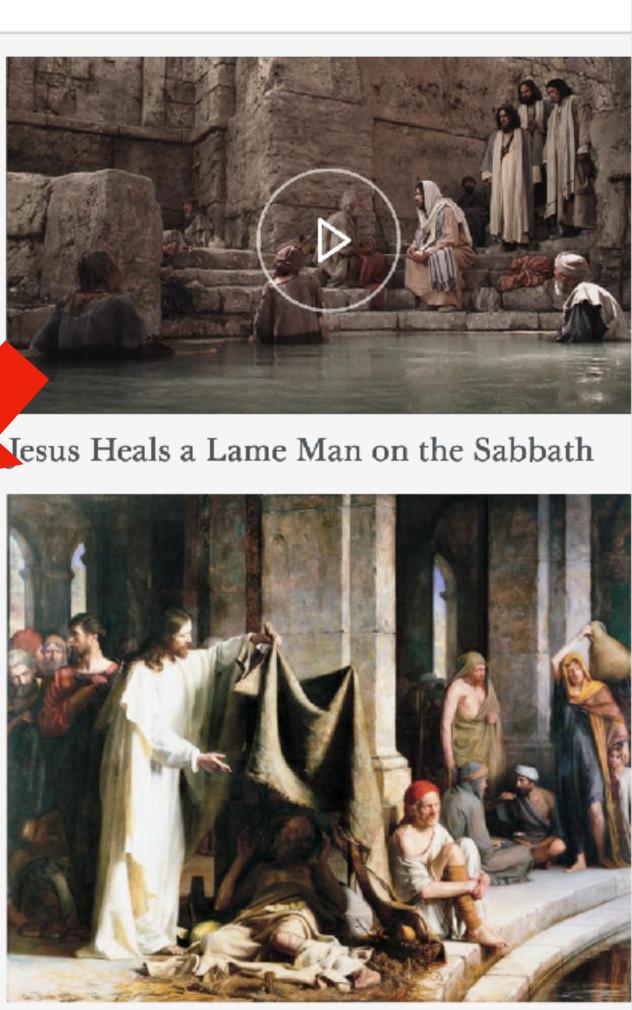
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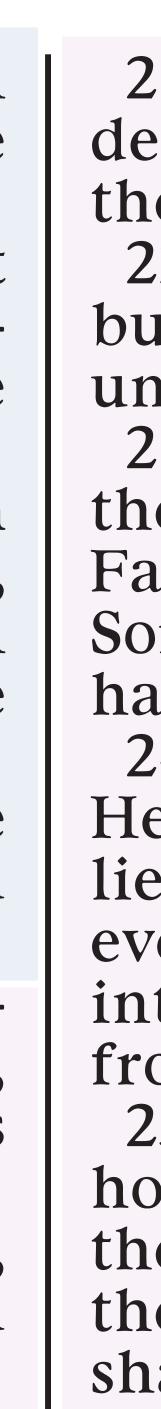
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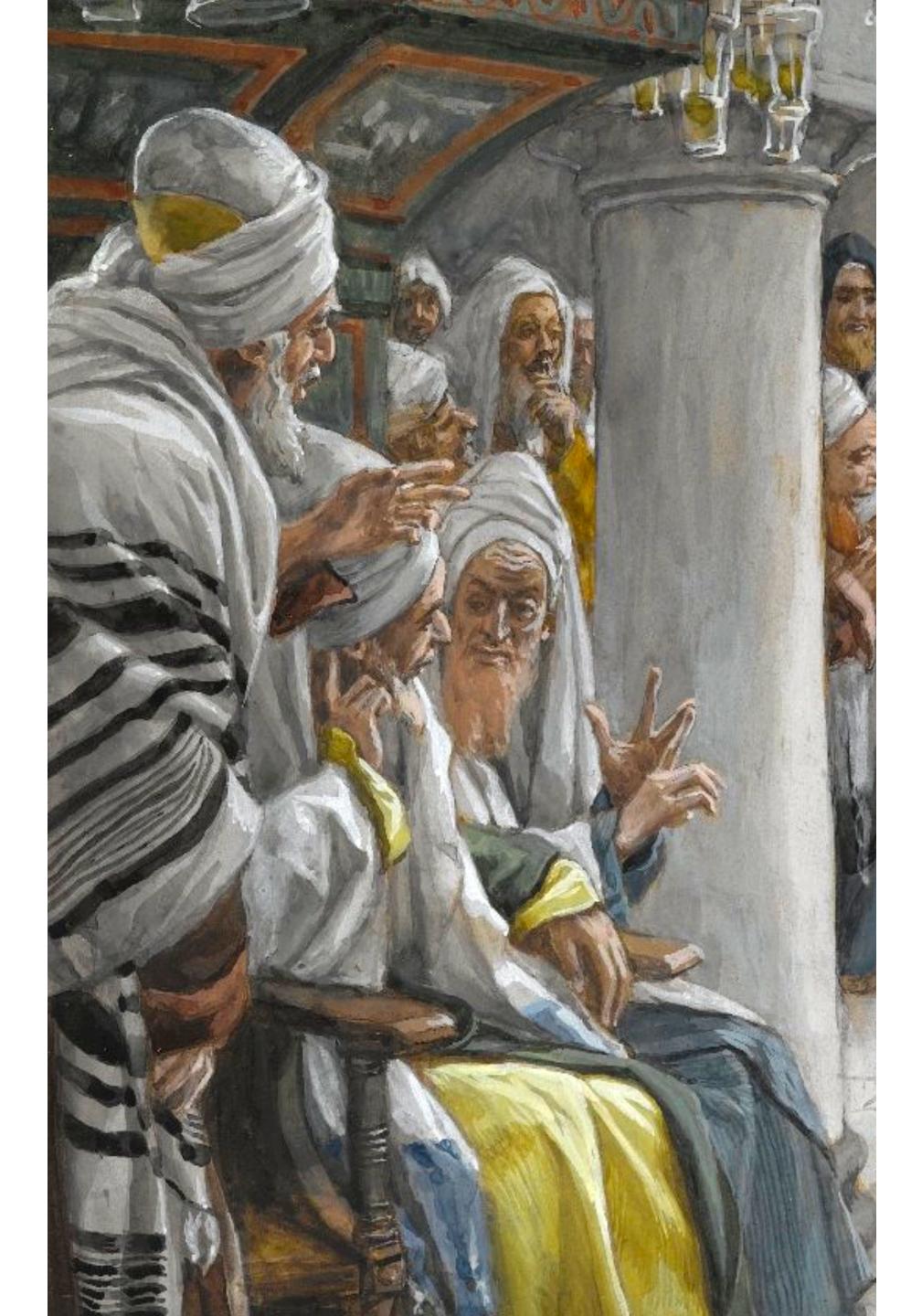
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From Bethlehem to Calvary, 4 vols. [1979–81], 2:71).

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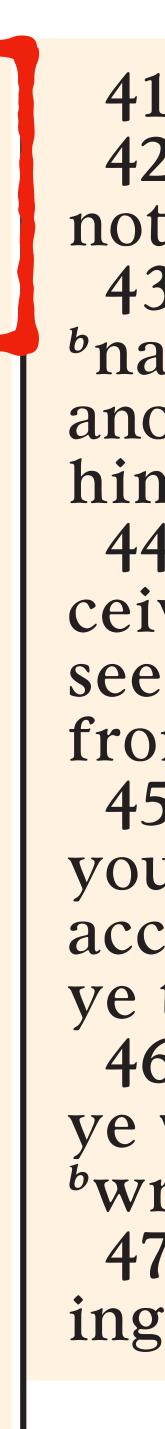
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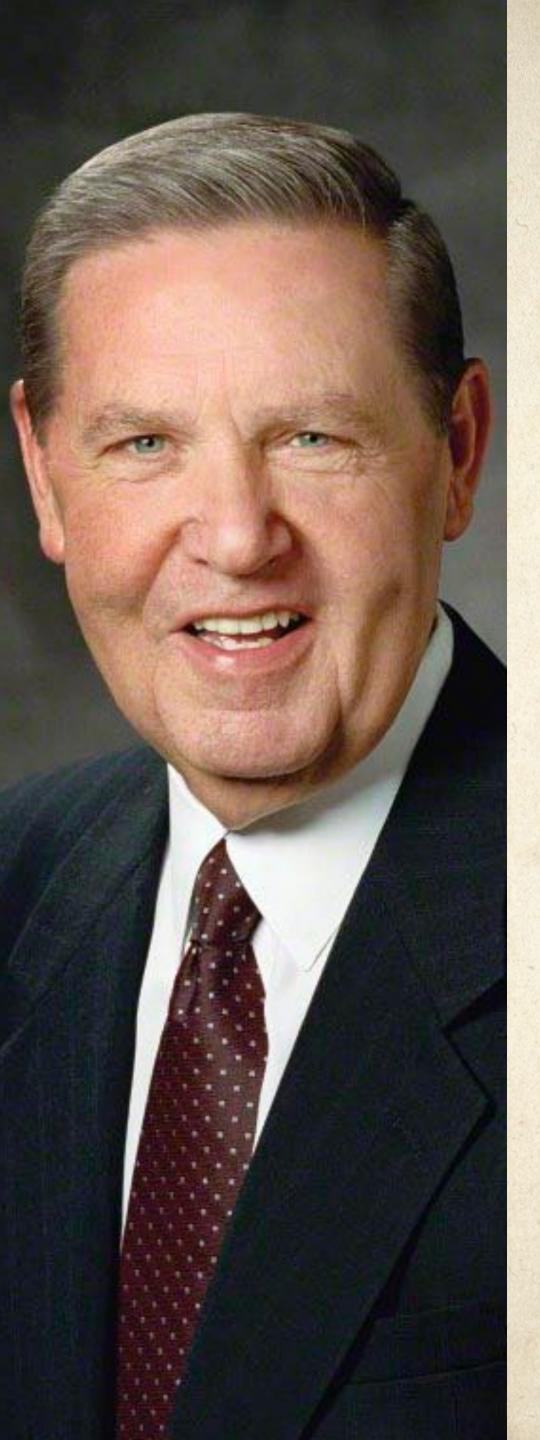
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# **Elder Jeffrey R. Holland**

Jesus came to earth to "reveal and make personal to us the true nature of His Father, our Father in Heaven.... To come to earth with such a responsibility, to stand in place of Elohim speaking as He would speak, judging and serving, loving and warning, forbearing and forgiving as He would do-this is a duty of such staggering proportions that you and I cannot comprehend such a thing. But in the loyalty and determination that would be characteristic of a divine child, Jesus could comprehend it and He did it. Then, when the praise and honor began to come, He humbly directed all adulation to the Father [see John 5:19; 14:10]."

("The Grandeur of God," Oct. 2003 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2003, 70–71).



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15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16 And therefore did the Jews <sup>*a*</sup> persecute Jesus, and <sup>*b*</sup> sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, My Father <sup>*a*</sup>worketh hitherto, and I <sup>*b*</sup>work.

18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his <sup>*a*</sup>Father, making himself <sup>*b*</sup>equal with God.

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he <sup>*a*</sup>seeth the <sup>*b*</sup>Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. nath sent nim.

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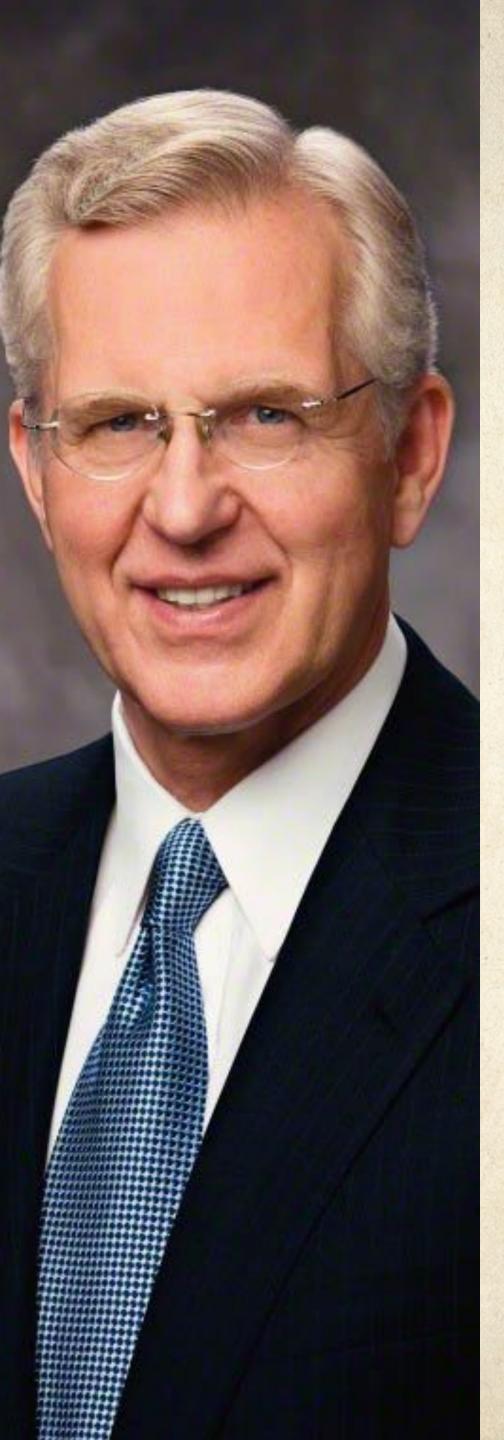
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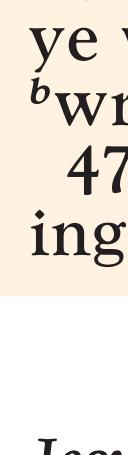
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45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed <sup>a</sup>Moses, ye would have believed me: for he <sup>b</sup>wrote of me.

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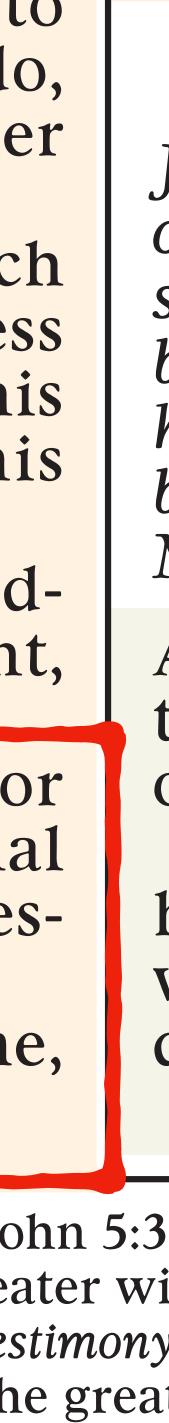
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42 And straightway the damsel <sup>*a*</sup>arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

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8 And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no <sup>*a*</sup> scrip, no bread, no money in *their* purse:

9 But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats.

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25 And she came in straightway with <sup>a</sup>haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me <sup>b</sup>by and by in a <sup>c</sup>charger the head of <sup>*d*</sup>John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his <sup>a</sup>oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, <sup>b</sup>he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. 29 And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a <sup>a</sup>desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no bleisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a <sup>*a*</sup>desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with <sup>*a*</sup> compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a <sup>b</sup>shepherd: and he began to <sup>c</sup>teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, "This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred <sup>*a*</sup> pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

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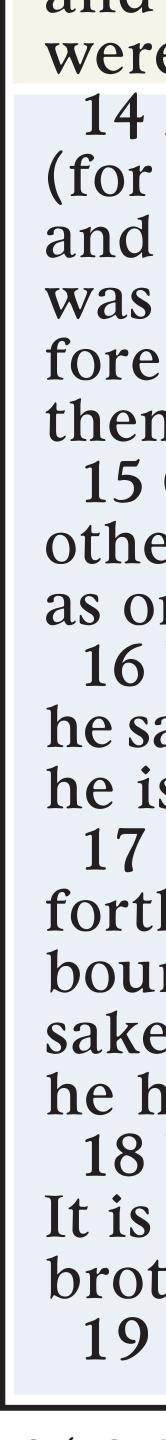
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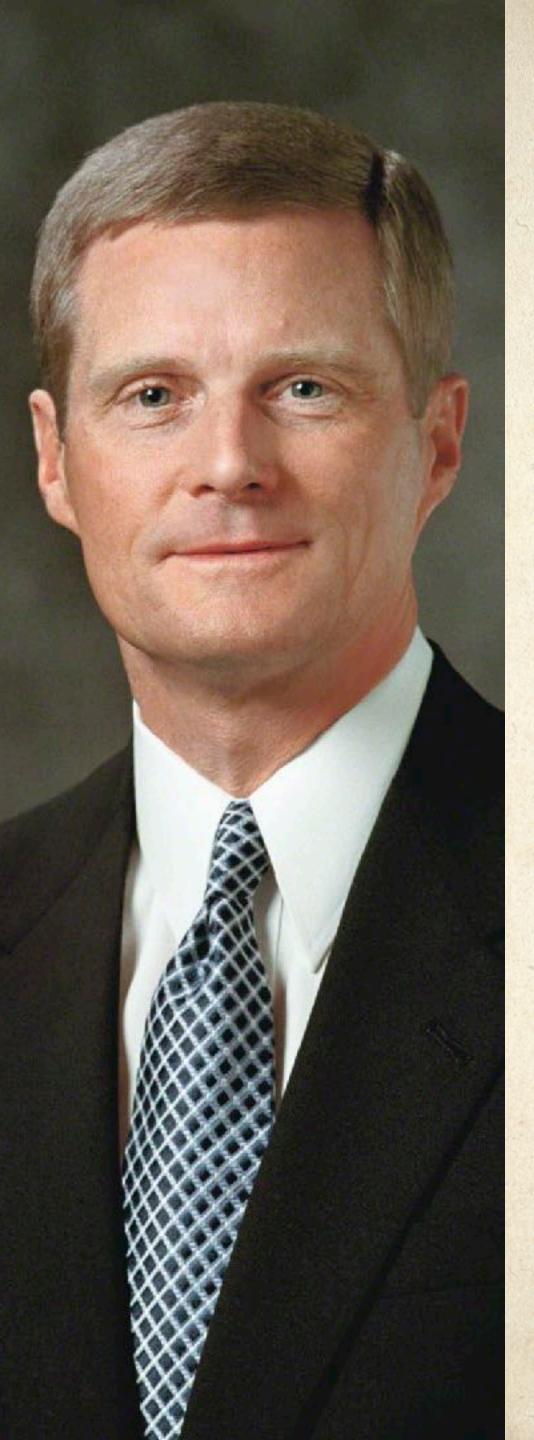
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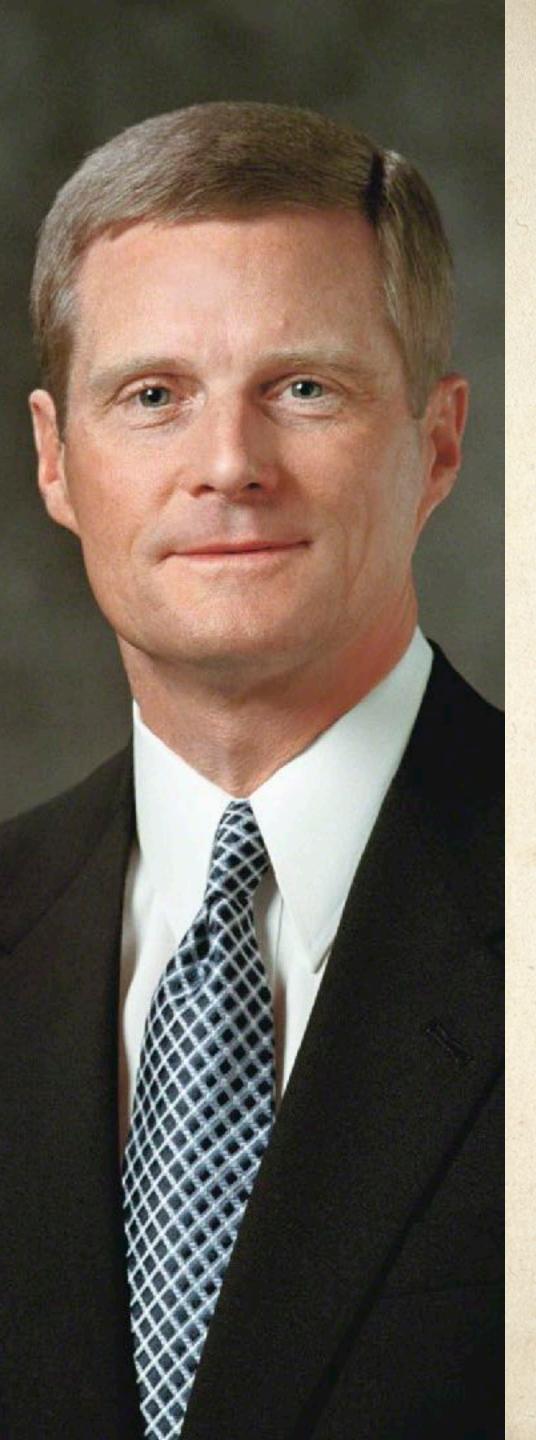
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"... Indeed, it is possible for us as mortals to strive in righteousness to receive the spiritual gifts associated with the capacity to reach outward and appropriately respond to other people who are experiencing the very challenge or adversity that is most immediately and forcefully pressing upon us.

"We cannot obtain such a capacity through sheer will power or personal determination. Rather, we need and are dependent upon "the merits, and mercy, and grace of the Holy Messiah" (2 Nephi 2:8)."

(David A. Bednar, quoted in Sarah Jane Weaver, "Elder Bednar Addresses 'the Character of Christ' during 2019 Mission Leadership Seminar," Church News, July 9, 2019)



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35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, <sup>*a*</sup>This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

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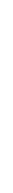
























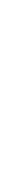




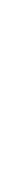
























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nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is <sup>*a*</sup> just; because I seek not mine own <sup>b</sup>will, but the <sup>c</sup>will of the Father which hath sent me.

31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 ¶ There is another that beareth <sup>a</sup>witness of me; and I know that the <sup>b</sup>witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto <sup>*a*</sup> John, and he bare <sup>b</sup>witness unto the truth.

34 <sup>*a*</sup>But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shining *<sup>a</sup>*light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his <sup>b</sup>light.

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36 ¶ <sup>*a*</sup>But I have <sup>*b*</sup>greater witness than that of John: for the <sup>c</sup>works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same <sup>*d*</sup>works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath <sup>e</sup>sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne <sup>a</sup>witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor <sup>b</sup>seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye <sup>*a*</sup> believe not.

39 ¶ <sup>*a*</sup>Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which <sup>b</sup>testify of me.

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41 I receive not <sup>*a*</sup>honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the <sup>*a*</sup>love of God in you.

43 I am come in my <sup>*a*</sup>Father's <sup>b</sup>name, and ye <sup>c</sup>receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ve will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive <sup>*a*</sup>honour one of another, and seek not the <sup>b</sup>honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ve trust.

46 For had ye believed <sup>a</sup>Moses, ye would have believed me: for he <sup>b</sup>wrote of me.

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#### CHAPTER 6

Jesus feeds the five thousand—He walks on the sea—He is the living manna sent from God—Salvation is gained by eating living bread—Jesus explains how men eat His flesh and drink His blood—Peter testifies that Jesus is the Messiah.

AFTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

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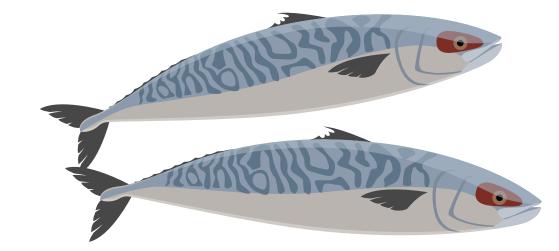
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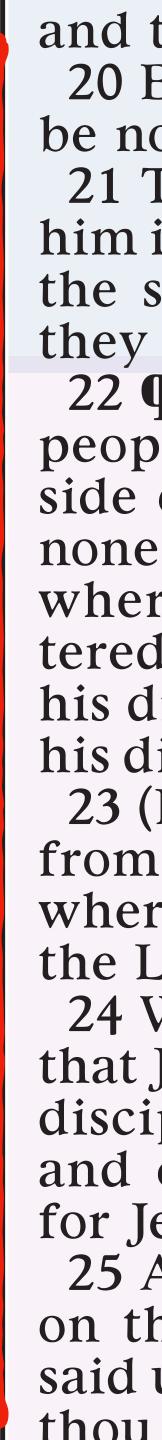
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### **Sister Michelle D. Craig**

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(Michelle D. Craig, "Divine Discontent," Oct. 2018 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2018, 54)

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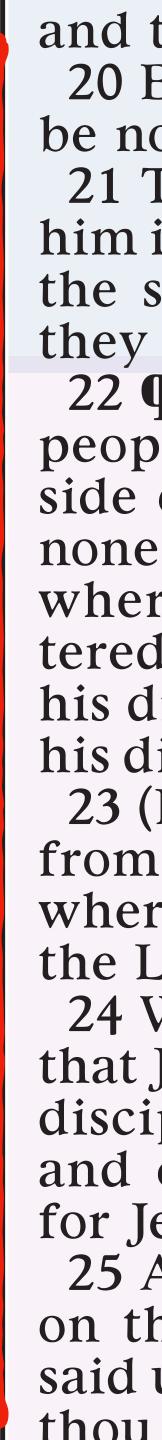
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31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them <sup>*a*</sup> bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

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39 And this is the *<sup>a</sup>*Father's <sup>*b*</sup>will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose <sup>c</sup>nothing, but should <sup>d</sup>raise it up again at the last day.

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41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

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45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all <sup>a</sup>taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the <sup>b</sup>Father, cometh unto me.

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47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that <sup>*a*</sup> believeth on me hath <sup>b</sup>everlasting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat <sup>*a*</sup>manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which cometh

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- D&C 24:15.
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21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his <sup>*a*</sup>lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee;

 $2\overline{2}$  And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give *it* thee.

23 And he <sup>*a*</sup> sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give *it* thee, unto the <sup>b</sup>half of my kingdom.

24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

25 And she came in straightway with <sup>a</sup>haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me <sup>b</sup>by and by in a <sup>c</sup>charger the head of <sup>*d*</sup> John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his <sup>a</sup>oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, <sup>b</sup>he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother. 29 And when his disciples heard of

it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

30 And the apostles gathered them-31 And he said unto them, Come

selves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. ye yourselves apart into a <sup>a</sup>desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no <sup>b</sup>leisure so much as to eat.

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38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to

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40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about <sup>a</sup>five thousand men.

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had <sup>a</sup>sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them <sup>*a*</sup>toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

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51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

52 For they <sup>*a*</sup> considered not the *miracle* of the loaves: for their heart was <sup>b</sup>hardened.

53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

#### **CHAPTER 7**

Jesus reproves the Pharisees for their false traditions and ceremonies—He 🔫 casts a devil out of the daughter of a Greek woman—He opens the ears and loosens the tongue of a person with an impediment.

THEN came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they <sup>*a*</sup> wash *their* hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables. asked him, Why walk not thy dis-

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes ciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with <sup>a</sup>unwashen hands?

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written,

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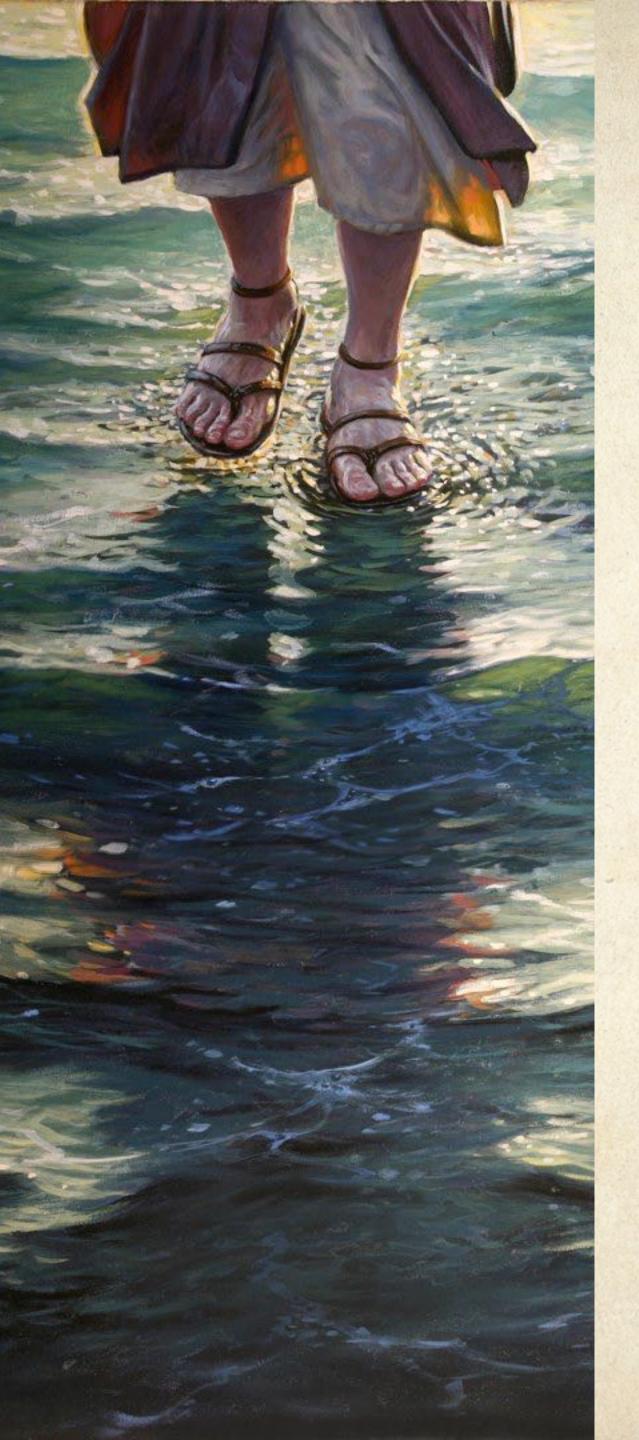
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"[When Jesus meant to pass by them it was] not so they would fail to see him (in which case he would have stayed farther away from them), but so they would see him "pass by" walking on the water, thus giving visible evidence of his deity (and thus answering the question they asked after he stilled the sea in mark 4: 41: "who then is this...?"). The passage echoes the incident where God "passed" before Moses (the same Greek verb occurs in the Septuagint of Exodus 33:19, 22; 34:6), giving a glimpse of his glory. But it also echoes Job 9, where Job says that it is God who "trampled the waves of the sea" (Job 9:8; the Septuagint has a Greek rendering meaning "walking the sea," using the same words as mark 6: 48), and then also says, "he passes by me" (Job 9: 11). There is an implicit claim to divinity in Jesus' actions."





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23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to <sup>*a*</sup> pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And <sup>*a*</sup>in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

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#### CHAPTER 15

The scribes and Pharisees contend against Jesus—He heals the daughter of a gentile woman—He feeds the four thousand.

THEN came to Jesus <sup>a</sup>scribes and

Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the <sup>*a*</sup>tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your <sup>*a*</sup>tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, <sup>*a*</sup>Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, <sup>*b*</sup>let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a <sup>a</sup>gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their <sup>a</sup>mouth, and <sup>b</sup>honoureth me with *their* lips; but their <sup>c</sup>heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do <sup>*a*</sup>worship me, teaching *for* <sup>*b*</sup>doctrines the <sup>*c*</sup>commandments of men.

10 ¶ And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth <sup>*a*</sup>defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the <sup>*b*</sup>mouth, this defileth a man.

12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every <sup>*a*</sup>plant, which my heavenly

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31 <i>a</i> Mark 4:40; 16:14;	Respect.	9 <i>a</i> Isa. 1:13.
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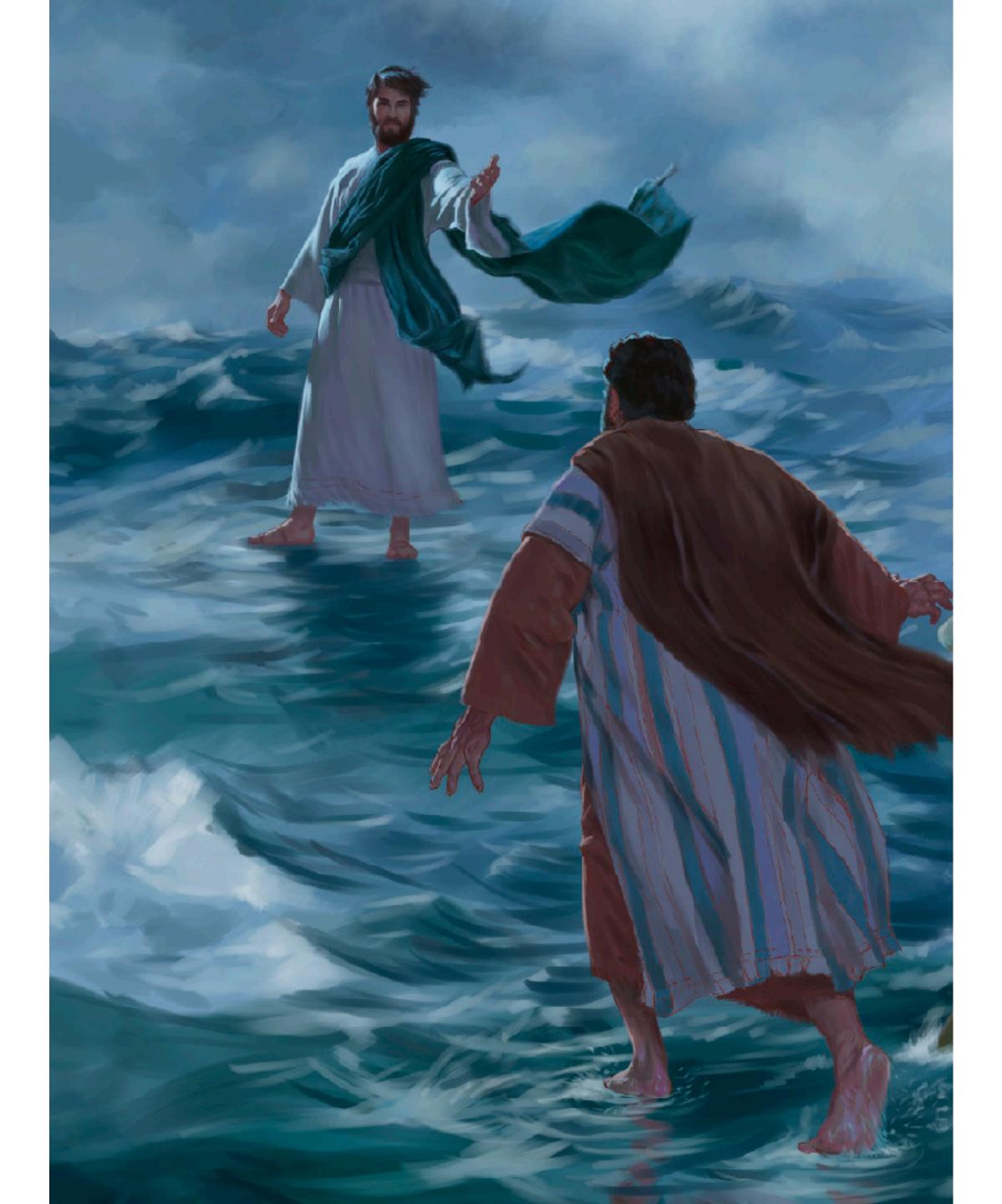
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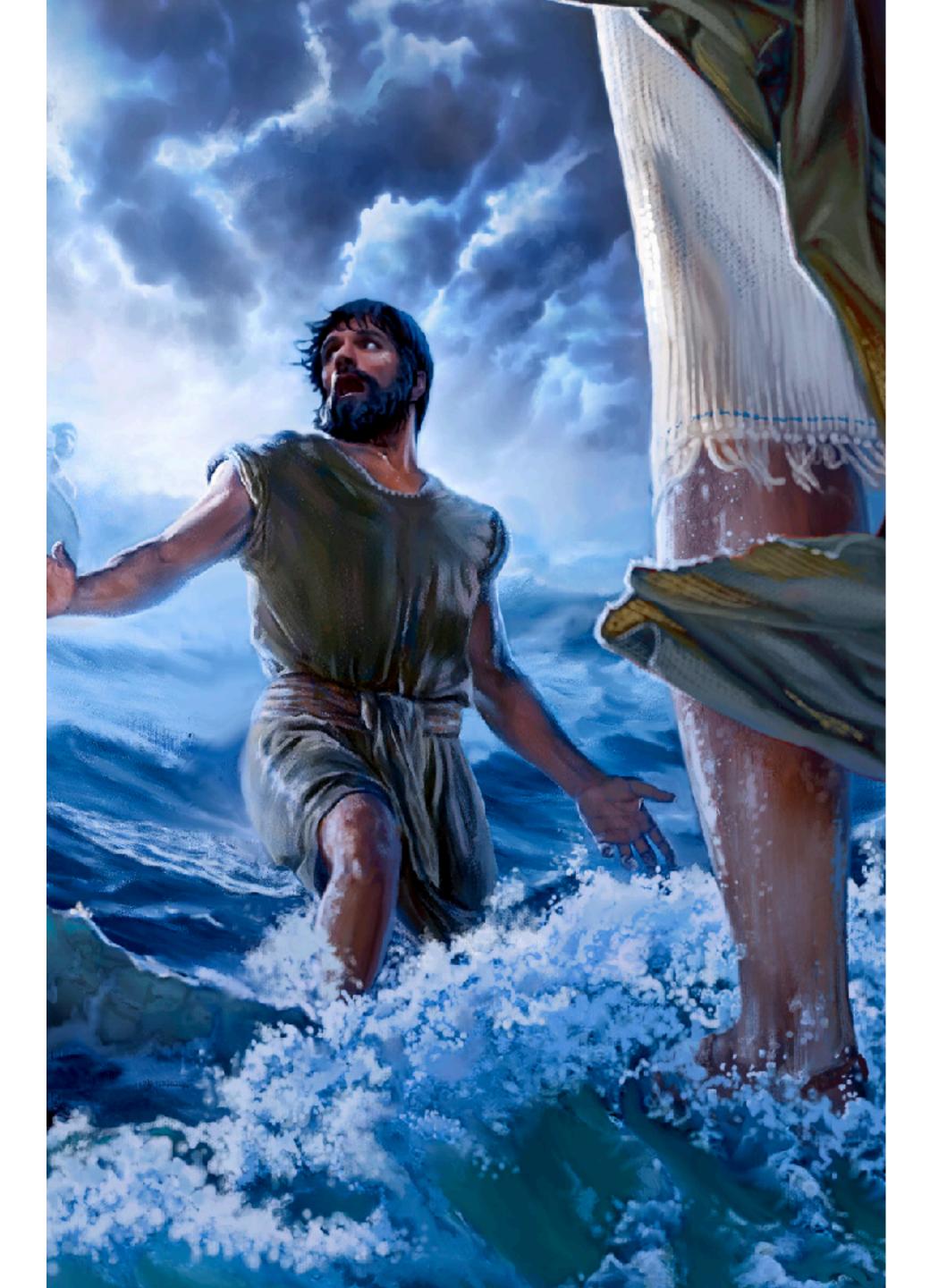
### **Charles Swift**

"...The Lord's response is clear: "Come." It is simple, concise, and direct. For me as a reader, it is also powerful, conveying a sense that the speaker can indeed make things happen by simply speaking. There is no uncertainty in that response. Jesus does not say, "Well, if you have enough faith, you can walk on water," or "If you have sufficiently prepared yourself, you can come to me on the water," or "If you are worthy, then it will work." Each of those responses would sow doubt in the heart of Peter. Also, each of those responses would reflect doubt in the heart of the speaker, implying that he does not know if Peter has enough faith, or is prepared, or is worthy. They are the kinds of things someone would say who does not have power and authority, who is not sure if Peter really can walk on water even if he is called to do so. As this part of the story communicates so well, Jesus is not that kind of person. When he says the simplest of words, there is sufficient power for the most miraculous events to occur.

"Our desire should be to come unto Christ; if that is what we truly want, he will respond by inviting us to come."

Charles Swift, "Three Stories," in My Redeemer Lives! ed. Richard Neitzel Holzapfel and Kent P. Jackson (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2011).





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"It is my firm belief that if as individual people, as families, communities, and nations, we could, like Peter, fix our eyes on Jesus, we too might walk triumphantly over 'the swelling waves of disbelief' and remain 'unterrified amid the rising winds of doubt.' But if we turn away our eyes from him in whom we must believe, as it is so easy to do and the world is so much tempted to do, if we look to the power and fury of those terrible and destructive elements around us rather than to him who can help and save us, then we shall inevitably sink in a sea of conflict and sorrow and despair."

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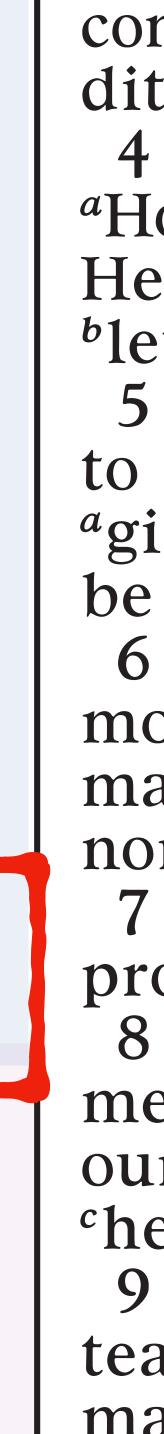
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23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to <sup>*a*</sup> pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And <sup>*a*</sup>in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw

him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good <sup>*a*</sup>cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was <sup>*a*</sup>afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little <sup>*a*</sup>faith, wherefore didst thou <sup>*b*</sup>doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

34 ¶ And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place <sup>*a*</sup>had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

36 And besought him that they might only touch the <sup>*a*</sup>hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly <sup>*b*</sup>whole.

#### CHAPTER 15

The scribes and Pharisees contend against Jesus—He heals the daughter of a gentile woman—He feeds the four thousand.

THEN came to Jesus <sup>a</sup>scribes and

Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the <sup>*a*</sup>tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your <sup>*a*</sup>tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, <sup>*a*</sup>Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, <sup>*b*</sup>let him die the death.

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a <sup>a</sup>gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their <sup>a</sup>mouth, and <sup>b</sup>honoureth me with *their* lips; but their <sup>c</sup>heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do <sup>*a*</sup>worship me, teaching *for* <sup>*b*</sup>doctrines the <sup>*c*</sup>commandments of men.

10 ¶ And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:

11 Not that which goeth into the mouth <sup>*a*</sup>defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the <sup>*b*</sup>mouth, this defileth a man.

12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every <sup>*a*</sup>plant, which my heavenly

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31 <i>a</i> Mark 4:40; 16:14;	Respect.	9 <i>a</i> Isa. 1:13.
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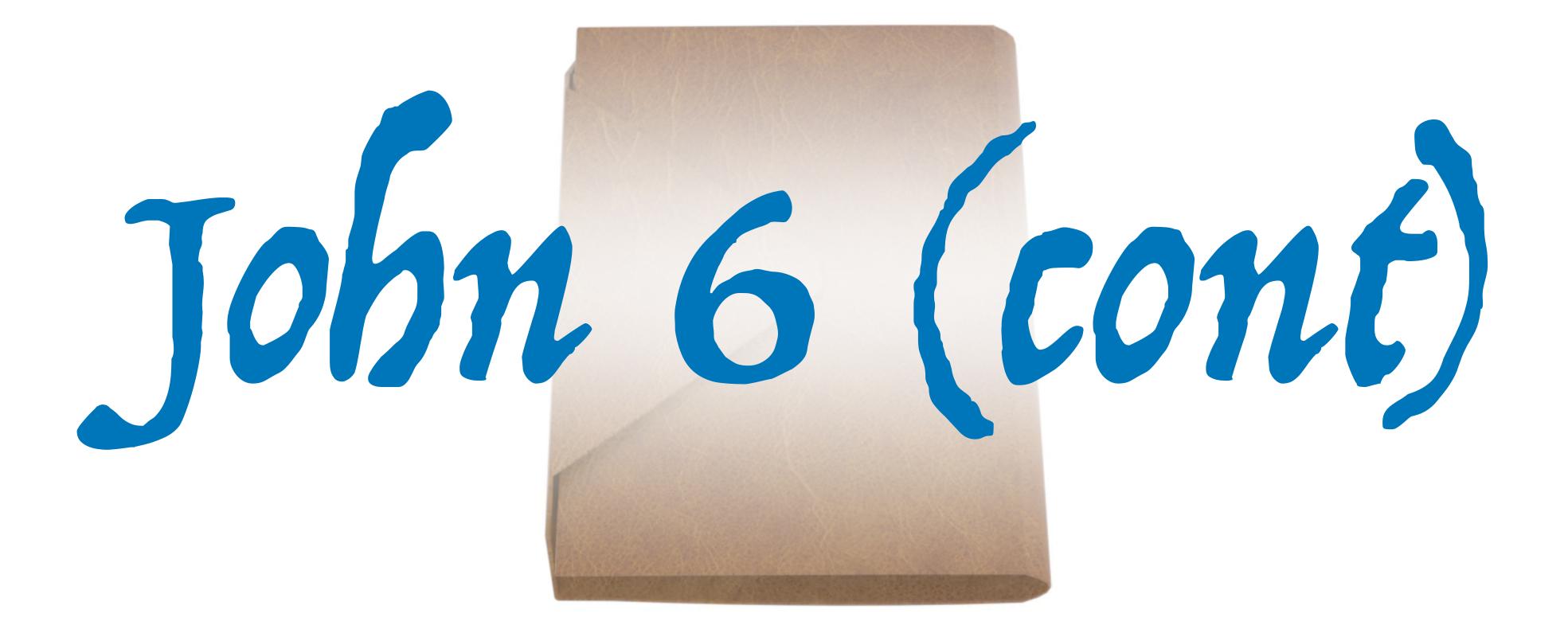
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31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 ¶ There is another that beareth <sup>a</sup>witness of me; and I know that the <sup>b</sup>witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

33 Ye sent unto <sup>*a*</sup> John, and he bare <sup>b</sup>witness unto the truth.

34 <sup>*a*</sup>But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

35 He was a burning and a shining *<sup>a</sup>*light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his <sup>b</sup>light.

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36 ¶ <sup>*a*</sup>But I have <sup>*b*</sup>greater witness than that of John: for the <sup>c</sup>works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same <sup>*d*</sup>works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath <sup>e</sup>sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne <sup>a</sup>witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor <sup>b</sup>seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye <sup>*a*</sup> believe not.

39 ¶ <sup>*a*</sup>Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which <sup>b</sup>testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have <sup>*a*</sup>life.

41 I receive not <sup>*a*</sup>honour from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the <sup>*a*</sup>love of God in you.

43 I am come in my <sup>*a*</sup>Father's <sup>b</sup>name, and ye <sup>c</sup>receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ve will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive <sup>*a*</sup>honour one of another, and seek not the <sup>b</sup>honour that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ve trust.

46 For had ye believed <sup>a</sup>Moses, ye would have believed me: for he <sup>b</sup>wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his <sup>*a*</sup>writings, how shall ye believe my words?

#### CHAPTER 6

Jesus feeds the five thousand—He walks on the sea—He is the living manna sent from God—Salvation is gained by eating living bread—Jesus explains how men eat His flesh and drink His blood—Peter testifies that Jesus is the Messiah.

AFTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a

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mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the <sup>*a*</sup> passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 ¶ When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about <sup>*a*</sup> five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given <sup>*a*</sup>thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be <sup>*a*</sup>lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the <sup>a</sup>miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that <sup>b</sup> prophet that should come into the world.

15 ¶ When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him

a <sup>*a*</sup>king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,

17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Π Jesus was not come to them. 3

18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were <sup>*a*</sup>afraid.

20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

21 Then they willingly received – him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

22 ¶ The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples were gone away alone; 🛀

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40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and <sup>*a*</sup> believeth on him, may have <sup>b</sup>everlasting life: and I will raise him up <sup>c</sup>at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of <sup>a</sup>Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, <sup>a</sup>Murmur not among yourselves.

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52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye <sup>*a*</sup>eat the flesh of the <sup>*b*</sup>Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my <sup>*a*</sup>flesh, and drinketh my <sup>b</sup>blood, hath eternal life; <sup>c</sup>and I will <sup>d</sup>raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, <sup>a</sup>dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath <sup>*a*</sup>sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall <sup>b</sup>live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

61 When Jesus <sup>*a*</sup>knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it,

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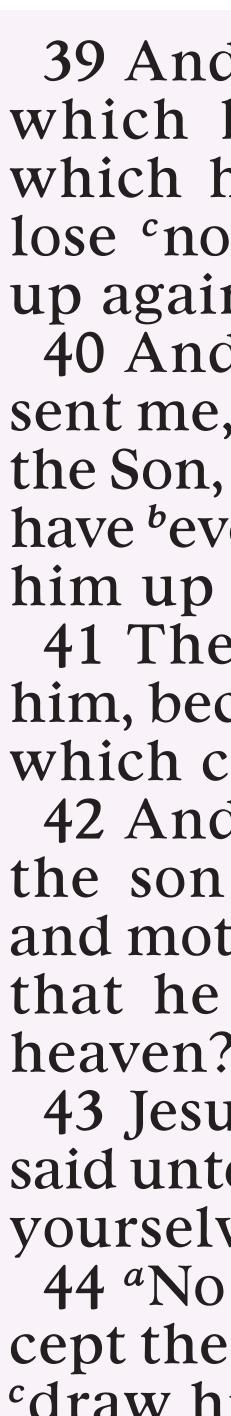
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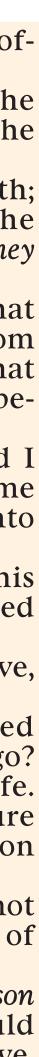
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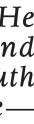
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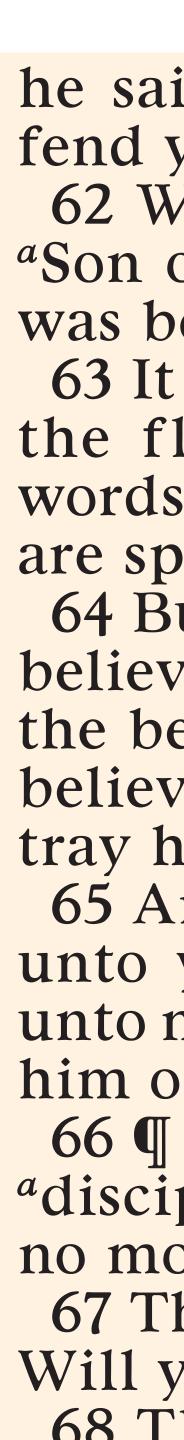
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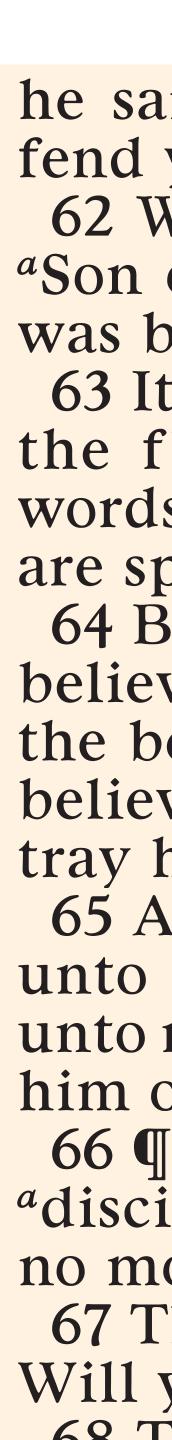
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