

<sup>18</sup> Then, while Jesus was praying with only his apprentices gathered with him, he asked them,

“According to the crowds, who am I?”

<sup>19</sup> Answering, they said,

“John, the one who baptizes. But others say Elijah. And others say that an ancient prophet has stood up.”

<sup>20</sup> Jesus said to them,

“But you, according to you, who am I?”

Answering, Peter said,

“The Creator’s Anointed.”

<sup>21</sup> Rebuking them, Jesus directed them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup> saying,

“It is necessary for the Child of Humanity to suffer many things, to be rejected by the elders, leaders of the temple-caretakers, and writers, to be killed, and to be raised on the third day.”

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus began saying to everyone,

“If someone wants to come behind me, then she must say ‘no’ to herself, take up her cross daily, and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to rescue her life, will destroy it—but whoever destroys her life for my cause, will rescue it. <sup>25</sup> For what does a person benefit by gaining the entire world while destroying herself or being lost? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is being dismissive of me and my words, the Child of Humanity will be dismissive of her when he comes in the triumph of his Father and the divine messengers. <sup>27</sup> Truthfully I say to you, some of those standing here will not partake of death till they see the Rule of the Creator!”

<sup>28</sup> About eight days after these words, Jesus took Peter, John of Zebedee, and Jacob of Zebedee and he went up on a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the form of his face became another and his garment began radiating white. <sup>30</sup> Two men—Moses and Elijah—began speaking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> Being seen in triumph, they began speaking about Jesus’s Exodus, which he was about to complete in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and those with him were burdened with slumber, but, awakening, they saw Jesus’s triumph and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As Moses and Elijah were about to be separated from Jesus, Peter said to Jesus,

“Mentor, it is beautiful for us to be here! Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!”

He did not know what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying these things, a cloud came and began overshadowing them. They were afraid as they entered into the cloud <sup>35</sup> and a voice came from the cloud, saying,

“This is my Child, the one I have chosen. Listen to him!”

<sup>36</sup> When the voice came, Jesus was found all alone. They were silent and, in those days, they reported nothing to anyone of what they had seen. <sup>37</sup> During the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. <sup>38</sup> A man from the crowd cried out, saying,

“Teacher, I beg you to look upon my child—he is my only one! <sup>39</sup> Look! A breath takes him and he suddenly shouts and shakes with foam at the mouth! Then breaking him, it goes away from him with difficulty. <sup>40</sup> I begged your apprentices to cast it out, but they were not able!”

<sup>41</sup> Answering, Jesus said,

“Oh untrusting and distorted generation! Till what point will I be with you and hold you up? Bring your child here.”

<sup>42</sup> While the child was still coming, the animating-force tore through him and he convulsed. But Jesus rebuked the impure breath. Then he healed the servant and gave him to his father. <sup>43</sup> Everyone began to be amazed at the magnificence of the Creator. But while everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his apprentices,

<sup>44</sup> “You! Put these words into your ears. The Child of Humanity is about to be given over into the hands of humanity.”

<sup>45</sup> But they were not understanding this matter—it was being concealed from them, so they could not comprehend it, and they were fearing to ask Jesus about it. <sup>46</sup> Then a consideration entered into them, about which one of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup> But Jesus, having discerned the consideration of their heart, took a servant-child, stood her in front of him, <sup>48</sup> and said to them,

“Whoever embraces this servant-child on the basis of my name, is embracing me. And whoever embraces me, is embracing the one who sent me. The one who possesses the least among all of you is the greatest.”

<sup>49</sup> Answering, John of Zebedee said,

“Mentor, we saw someone casting out animating-forces in your name and we began preventing him, because he was not following with us.”

<sup>50</sup> But Jesus said to him,

“Do not prevent him! For whoever is not against you is for you.”

<sup>51</sup> While the days till his lifting up were being fulfilled, Jesus firmly stood his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> He sent messengers before his face and, going out, they entered into the villages of Samaria to prepare for him. <sup>53</sup> But they did not embrace Jesus because his face was going to Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> Upon seeing this, the apprentices, Jacob and John of Zebedee, said,

“Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

<sup>55</sup> But turning, Jesus rebuked them <sup>56</sup> and they went into another village. <sup>57</sup> As they were going on the Way someone said to Jesus,

“I will follow you wherever you will go!”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to him,

“Foxes have dens and the birds of heaven have encampments. But the Child of Humanity has nowhere to bow the head.”

<sup>59</sup> Jesus said to another,

“Follow me!”

But he said,

“Lord, permit me to go away and first bury my father.”

<sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him,

“Set the dead free to bury their own dead. But you, go away and reveal the Rule of the Creator!”

<sup>61</sup> Another said,

“I will follow you, Lord! But first permit me to say goodbye to those in my house.”

<sup>62</sup> But Jesus said,

“No one after putting her hand upon a plow and looking behind is useful for the Rule of the Creator.”

<sup>10.1</sup> After these things, the Lord lifted up another seventy and sent them, two by two, before his face, into every city and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> Jesus began saying to them,

“The harvest is extensive, but the workers are few. Therefore, beg the Lord of the harvest so he will cast workers out into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go! Look, I am sending you as lambs into the midst of wolves! <sup>4</sup> Do not carry a money-bag, a pack, or sandals, and embrace no one along the way. <sup>5</sup> Whichever house you enter into, first say,

‘Harmony to this house.’

<sup>6</sup> And if there is a child of harmony, your harmony will rest upon her. But if not, it will surely return back to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in that house, eating and drinking the things from them, for the worker is worthy of her reward. Do not go around from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter into a city and they embrace you, eat the things set down for you, <sup>9</sup> care for the weak in it, and say to them,

‘The Rule of the Creator is within your grasp!’

<sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter into a city and they do not embrace you, go out into its streets and say,

<sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust from your city joined to our feet we wipe off against you! Moreover, know this! The Rule of the Creator is within grasp!’

<sup>12</sup> I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that city. <sup>13</sup> You are condemned, Chorazin! You are condemned, Bethsaida! Because if the powers which happened in you had happened in Tyre and Sidon, then, sitting in heavy cloth and ashes, they would have already transformed. <sup>14</sup> Moreover, it will be more tolerable during the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, you will not be lifted up to heaven! You will come down to the realm of the dead.

<sup>16</sup> Whoever listens to you, is listening to me. Whoever rejects you, is rejecting me. Whoever rejects me, is rejecting the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying,

“Lord, even the animating-forces put themselves under us because of your name!”

<sup>18</sup> Jesus said to them,

“I am watching the Attacker fall like a flash of lightning from heaven! <sup>19</sup> Look! I have given you authority to trample on serpents, scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will do you injustice. <sup>20</sup> But do not rejoice that the breaths are put under you, but rejoice that your names have been written in the heavens!”

<sup>21</sup> In that hour, Jesus rejoiced in the Divine Breath and said,

“I declare loyalty to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have concealed these things from the wise and intelligent and have unveiled them for the voiceless—yes, Father, this is your good desire.

<sup>22</sup> Everything has been given over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Child is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Child and those to whom the Child wants to unveil him.”

<sup>23</sup> Turning to his own apprentices, Jesus said,

“Privileged are the eyes which see the things you are seeing. <sup>24</sup> For I say to you, many prophets and rulers wanted to see the things you are seeing and did not see and to listen to the things you are listening to and did not listen.”