

<sup>15</sup> Then after journeying, the Pharisees took a plan of how they might trap him with a word. <sup>16</sup> And they are sending out to him their learners with the Herodians, saying,

“Teacher, we perceive that you are truthful and you are teaching the way of the Creator with truth and you are not concerned about anyone, for you are not looking at the face of humans. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, tell us what you are thinking. Is it correct to give a census to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup> And knowing their distortion, Jesus said,

“Why are you testing me, hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the lawful-coin of the census.”

And they brought him a denarius-coin. <sup>20</sup> And he is saying to them,

“Whose image and inscription is this?”

<sup>21</sup> They are saying to him,

“Caesar’s.”

Then he is saying to them,

“Therefore, give back to Caesar the things of Caesar and give back to the Creator the things of the Creator.”

<sup>22</sup> And after listening, they were shocked and, after releasing him, they went away. <sup>23</sup> On that day, Sadducees came to him, saying,

“There is no resurrection!”

And they asked him, <sup>24</sup> saying,

“Teacher, Moses said, *‘If someone might die while not having children, then his brother will marry his wife and he will resurrect a seed for his brother.’* <sup>25</sup> And there were seven brothers with us and the first after marrying, came to an end. And not having a seed, he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> And likewise, the second and the third until the seventh. <sup>27</sup> And later, the wife of all of them died. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, in the resurrection, of which of the seven will she be a wife, for all of them had her?”

<sup>29</sup> And answering, Jesus said to them,

“You are being led astray, not perceiving the writings nor the power of the Creator! <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they are not marrying and not being married, but they are like messengers in heaven. <sup>31</sup> And about the resurrection of the dead, you did not read the word to you by the Creator, saying, <sup>32</sup> *‘I myself am the Creator of Abraham and the Creator of Isaac and the Creator of Jacob.’* He is not the Creator of the dead but of the living.”

<sup>33</sup> And after listening, the crowds were astonished by his teaching. <sup>34</sup> And the Pharisees, after hearing that he closed-the-mouths of the Sadducees, gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked, while testing him,

<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, what sort of command in the law is great?”

<sup>37</sup> And he said to him,

“*You will love the Lord your Creator with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind.’*

<sup>38</sup> This is the great and first command. <sup>39</sup> And the second is the same as it, *‘You will love the one-nearby you as yourself.’* <sup>40</sup> On these two commands, the whole law and prophets are hanging.”

<sup>41</sup> And after the Pharisees gathered, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup> saying,

“What are you thinking about the Christ? Whose son is he?”

They are saying to him,

“David’s.”

<sup>43</sup> He is saying to them,

“Therefore, how is David calling him in the Spirit, ‘Lord’? He says, <sup>44</sup> *‘The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right, until whenever I put your enemies under your feet.’* <sup>45</sup> Therefore, if David is calling him ‘Lord,’ then how is he his son?”

<sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer a word to him. And no one dared, from that day, to question him anymore.

<sup>23.1</sup> Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and his learners, <sup>2</sup> saying,

“The scholars and the Pharisees sat upon the seat of Moses. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, all things, as much as they might say to you, you must practice and you must guard! But you must not practice according to their works! For they are speaking and they are not practicing. <sup>4</sup> And they are binding a heavy burden and they are placing it upon the shoulders of humans, and they themselves are not wanting to move these things with their finger. <sup>5</sup> And they are practicing all their works to be seen by humans. For they are widening their scripture-boxes and they are enlarging their tassels. <sup>6</sup> And they are befriending the first-couch in the dinners and the first-seats in the synagogues <sup>7</sup> and the greetings in the markets and to be called by humans, ‘Rabbi.’ <sup>8</sup> And you yourselves must not be called, ‘Rabbi.’ For One is your teacher and you yourselves are all brothers. <sup>9</sup> And you must not call any among you,

‘father,’ upon the earth. For One is your Father, the heavenly one.<sup>10</sup> And you must not be called ‘instructor,’ because your instructor is One, the Christ.<sup>11</sup> And the greater among you will be your servant.<sup>12</sup> And whoever will lift himself up, will be lowered. And whoever will lower himself, will be lifted up.

<sup>13</sup> And woe to you, scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you are shutting the Kingdom of the Heavens in front of humans. For you yourselves are not entering nor are you allowing the ones entering to enter.

<sup>14</sup> Woe to you, scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you are devouring the houses of widows while also praying for a longtime for-show. Because of this you will receive a more abundant judgment.

<sup>15</sup> Woe to you, scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you are going-around the sea and dryland to make one proselyte and whenever it might happen, you are making him a son of the Hinnom-Valley, twice-as-much as yourselves!

<sup>16</sup> Woe to you, blind guides, who are saying, ‘Whoever might swear-an-oath on the sanctuary is nothing. And whoever might swear-an-oath on the gold of the sanctuary is owing.’<sup>17</sup> Moronic and blind men! For what is greater, the gold or the sanctuary which made the gold holy?<sup>18</sup> And, ‘Whoever might swear-an-oath on the altar is nothing. And whoever might swear-an-oath on the gift upon it is owing.’<sup>19</sup> Blind men! For what is greater, the gift or the altar which made the gift holy?<sup>20</sup> Therefore the one who swore-an-oath on the altar is swearing-an-oath on it and on everything which is upon it.<sup>21</sup> And the one who swore-an-oath on the sanctuary is swearing-an-oath on it and on the one dwelling in it.<sup>22</sup> And the one who swore-an-oath on heaven is swearing-an-oath on the throne of the Creator and on the one sitting upon it.

<sup>23</sup> Woe to you, scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you are giving-a-tenth of mint and dill and cummin, and you let go of the weightier things of the law—the judgment and the mercy and the faithfulness. It was necessary to practice these things and to not let go of those things.<sup>24</sup> Blind guides! Those filtering-out the gnat, but drinking-down the camel!

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you, scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you are cleansing the outside of the cup and the dish, but within they are full of taking and self-indulgence.<sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First cleanse the inside of the cup so that the outside of it might also become clean.

<sup>27</sup> Woe to you, scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you are like graves having been whitewashed, which outside are appearing nice-looking, but inside are full of bones of the dead and every unclean thing.<sup>28</sup> Like this, you yourselves are also appearing righteous to humans on the outside, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

<sup>29</sup> Woe to you, scholars and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you are building the graves of the prophets and making beautiful the tombs of the righteous.<sup>30</sup> And you are saying, ‘If we were in the days of our fathers, then we would not be their partners in the blood of the prophets.’<sup>31</sup> Therefore, you are witnessing against yourselves that you are sons of those who killed the prophets.<sup>32</sup> And you yourselves must fulfill the measure of your fathers.<sup>33</sup> Serpents! Children of snakes! How might you flee from the judgment of the Hinnom-Valley?!

<sup>34</sup> Because of this, look, I myself am sending out to you, prophets and wisemen and scholars! Some of them you will kill and you will crucify. And some of them you will whip in your synagogues. And you will hunt from city to city.<sup>35</sup> So that, upon you, might come all righteous blood being poured out upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel until the blood of Zachariah son of Barachia, whom you killed between the sanctuary and the altar.<sup>36</sup> Amen, I am saying to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

<sup>37</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem! The one who killed the prophets and stoned the ones who had been sent out to her, how often I wanted to gather together your children, in the manner that a bird is gathering her brood under the wings, and you did not want it.<sup>38</sup> Look, your house is being let go to you—desolate.<sup>39</sup> For I am saying to you, you will never see me from now until whenever you might say, ‘*Blessed is the one coming in the name of the Lord!*’”