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THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,

"IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER ME,
HE MUST DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.

FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR ME WILL FIND IT.

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

FOR THE SON OF MAN IS GOING TO COME IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY WITH HIS ANGELS, AND THEN HE WILL REWARD EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, SOME WHO ARE STANDING HERE WILL NOT TASTE DEATH BEFORE THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM."

#### MATTHEW 10: 22-23

ALL MEN WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE OF ME, BUT HE WHO STANDS FIRM TO THE END WILL BE SAVED. WHEN YOU ARE PERSECUTED IN ONE PLACE, FLEE TO ANOTHER. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, YOU WILL NOT FINISH GOING THROUGH THE CITIES OF ISRAEL BEFORE THE SON OF MAN COMES.

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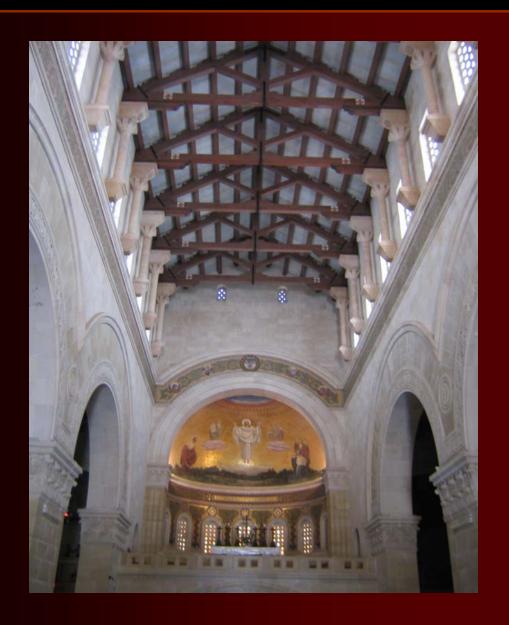
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WHEN THE DISCIPLES HEARD THIS, THEY FELL FACEDOWN TO THE GROUND, TERRIFIED. BUT JESUS CAME AND TOUCHED THEM.
"GET UP," HE SAID. "DON'T BE AFRAID." WHEN THEY LOOKED UP,
THEY SAW NO ONE EXCEPT JESUS.

AS THEY WERE COMING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, JESUS INSTRUCTED THEM, "DON'T TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN, UNTIL THE SON OF MAN HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD."

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#### MALACHI 4:5

SEE, I WILL SEND YOU THE PROPHET ELIJAH BEFORE THAT GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD COMES.

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#### MATTHEW 11:13-15

FOR ALL THE PROPHETS AND THE LAW PROPHESIED UNTIL JOHN.
AND IF YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT IT, HE IS THE ELIJAH
WHO WAS TO COME. HE WHO HAS EARS, LET HIM HEAR.

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#### MATTHEW 16:13B-14

"Who do people say the Son of Man is?
They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others Elijah;
and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

THE DISCIPLES ASKED HIM, "WHY THEN DO THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW SAY THAT ELIJAH MUST COME FIRST?"

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

"O UNBELIEVING AND PERVERSE GENERATION," JESUS REPLIED,
"HOW LONG SHALL I STAY WITH YOU?
HOW LONG SHALL I PUT UP WITH YOU? BRING THE BOY HERE TO ME."
JESUS REBUKED THE DEMON, AND IT CAME OUT OF THE BOY,
AND HE WAS HEALED FROM THAT MOMENT.

THEN THE DISCIPLES CAME TO JESUS IN PRIVATE AND ASKED,
"Why COULDN'T WE DRIVE IT OUT?"

HE REPLIED, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE SO LITTLE FAITH.

I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IF YOU HAVE FAITH AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD

SEED, YOU CAN SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MOVE FROM HERE TO THERE'

AND IT WILL MOVE. NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU."

When they came together in Galilee, he said to them,
"The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men.
They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to
life." And the disciples were filled with grief.

AFTER JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES ARRIVED IN CAPERNAUM,
THE COLLECTORS OF THE TWO-DRACHMA TAX CAME TO PETER AND
ASKED, "DOESN'T YOUR TEACHER PAY THE TEMPLE TAX?"

"YES, HE DOES," HE REPLIED.

WHEN PETER CAME INTO THE HOUSE, JESUS WAS THE FIRST TO SPEAK. "WHAT DO YOU THINK, SIMON?" HE ASKED.

"FROM WHOM DO THE KINGS OF THE EARTH COLLECT DUTY AND TAXES —
FROM THEIR OWN SONS OR FROM OTHERS?"

"FROM OTHERS," PETER ANSWERED.

"Then the sons are exempt," Jesus said to him.
"But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin.

TAKE IT AND GIVE IT TO THEM FOR MY TAX AND YOURS."

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