

THE MYSTERY OF CROWNING



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The Similes of Salt and Light

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

Mt 5: 13-16

THE Lord Jesus says:

“You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste,

with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel
basket;

it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the
house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father.”

This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

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The True Disciple / The Two Foundations

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Mt 7:21, 24-29

THE Lord Jesus says:

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’
will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts
on them

will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came,

and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock.

And everyone who listens to these words of mine
but does not act on them

will be like a fool who built his house on sand.

The rain fell, the floods came,

and the winds blew and buffeted the house.

And it collapsed and was completely ruined.”

When Jesus finished these words,
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority,
and not as their scribes.

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Marriage and Divorce

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

Mt 19:3-6

THE Apostle Matthew writes:

Some Pharisees approached Jesus,
and tested him, saying,
“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife
for any cause whatever?”

He said in reply,

“Have you not read that from the beginning
the Creator ‘made them male and female’
and said, ‘For this reason
a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh’?

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
Therefore, what God has joined together,
no human being must separate.”

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The Greatest Commandment

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Mt 22:35-40

THE Apostle Matthew writes:

One of them a scholar of the law tested him by asking,

“Teacher,

which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him,

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

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Marriage and Divorce

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

Mk 10:6-9

THE Lord Jesus says:

“But from the beginning of creation,
‘God made them male and female.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.’

So they are no longer two but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together,
no human being must separate.”

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The Wedding at Cana

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Jn 2:1-11

THE Apostle John writes:
On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,
“They have no wine.”
And Jesus said to her,
“Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come.”
His mother said to the servers,
“Do whatever he tells you.”
Now there were six stone water jars there
for Jewish ceremonial washings,
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.
Jesus told them, “Fill the jars with water.”
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”
So they took it.
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had
become wine,
without knowing where it came from

(although the servers who had drawn the water knew),
the headwaiter called the bridegroom
and said to him,

“Everyone serves good wine first,
and then when people have drunk freely,
an inferior one;

but you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in
Galilee

and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.

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The Vine and the Branches

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Jn 15:9-12

THE Lord Jesus says:

“As the Father loves me,
so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.”

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THE Lord Jesus says:

“This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command you.
I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.
I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my
Father.

It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and appointed you
to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name
he may give you.”

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The Prayer of Jesus

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Jn 17:20-26

THE Lord Jesus says:

“I pray not only for them,
but also for those who will believe in me through their
word,

so that they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us,
that the world may believe that you sent me.
And I have given them the glory you gave me,
so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me,
that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me.
Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,
that they may see my glory that you gave me,
because you loved me before the foundation of the
world.

Righteous Father,
the world also does not know you,
but I know you,
and they know that you sent me.
I made known to them your name

and I will make it known,
that the love with which you loved me
may be in them and I in them.”

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