

# The Thoughts of Many Hearts

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## December 9 Manna

IF we could but keep in memory the fact that every trial, every persecution, every difficulty of life, permitted to come upon those who have made the covenant of sacrifice with the Lord, is intended to prove them, to test their love, to see whether or not their characters are fixed, rooted and grounded in righteousness, and being built up in love, it would put all these trials, difficulties and temptations in a new light before us, and greatly assist us in fighting a good fight and overcoming. We would say, if by these little trials the Lord is proving my love and devotion to Him, then, however trifling they may be or however important, I will diligently use them as favorable opportunities to demonstrate to my Lord the fullness of my love and devotion to Him and His cause.



Luke 2:25-33

My eyes have seen  
your salvation

A light of revelation to  
the Gentiles

And the glory of your  
people Israel



Luke 2:34 - Simeon said  
to Mary his mother:

This child is destined  
for the falling and the  
rising of many in Israel

and to be a sign that  
will be opposed . . .



Luke 2:35

a sign that will be  
opposed . . .

so that the thoughts  
of many hearts  
will be revealed

Luke 12:51 - Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division . . .



# Objections to Jesus' Ministry

- Jesus forgave sins
- Jesus healed on the Sabbath
- Jesus ate with publicans and sinners
- Jesus relationship to God, his Father
- Jesus' pre-human existence
- Jesus' laying down and taking up his life



## Jesus Forgave Sins

Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk'?

Mark 2:1-12





## Jesus Healed on the Sabbath

Should she not have  
been released from  
this bond on the  
Sabbath day  
Luke 13:10-17

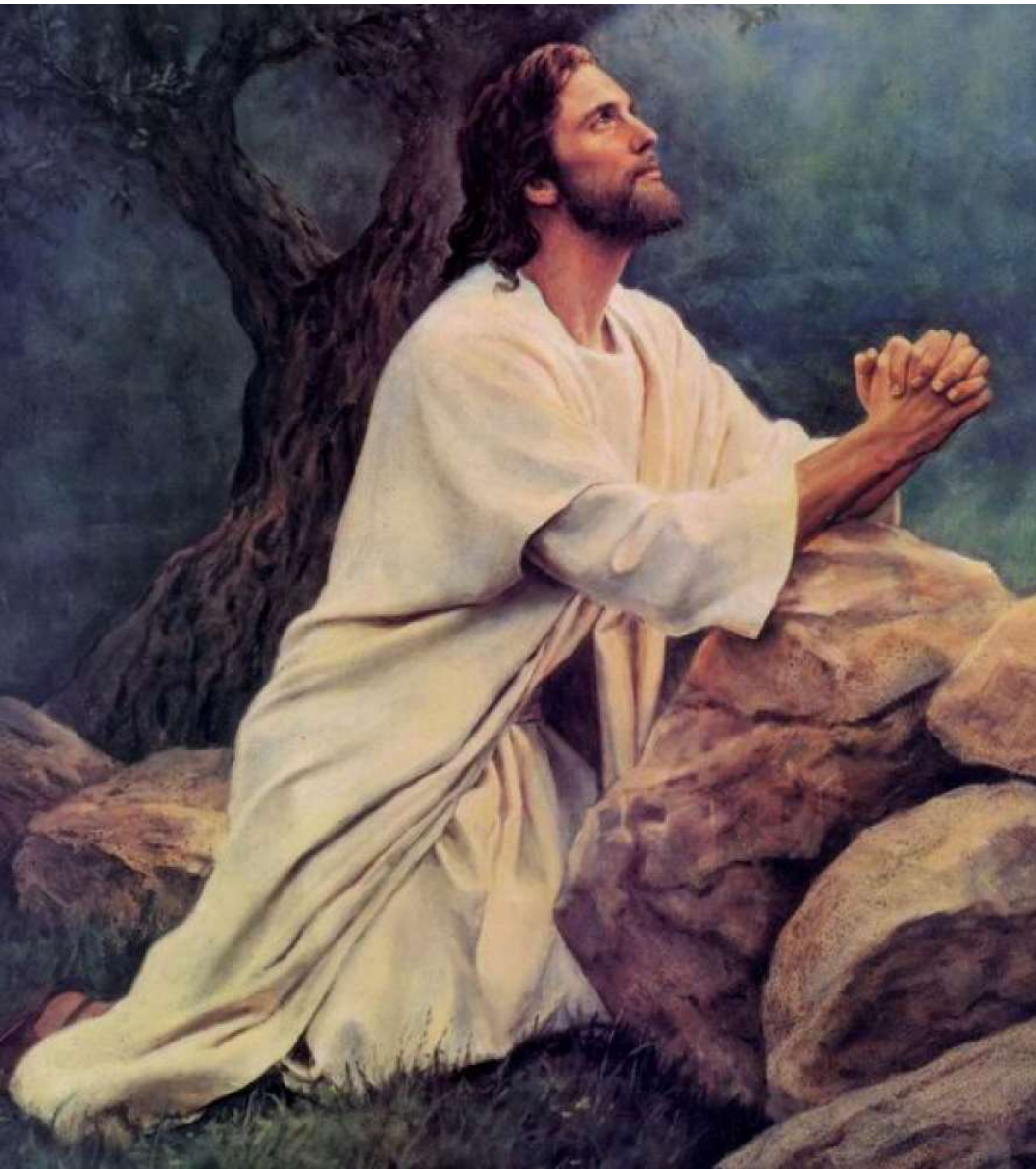
# Jesus Ate with Publicans and Sinners



The  
Pharisees  
and the  
scribes  
began to  
grumble

“This man  
receives  
sinners and  
eats with  
them.”  
Luke 15

Parables – lost sheep, lost coin, prodigal son



## Jesus Relationship with God, His Father

My Father works  
hitherto, and I work  
John 5:17

I and my Father are  
One – John 10:30



## Jesus Pre-Human Existence

Truly, truly I say to you  
Before Abraham was,  
I am



# The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-21

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep . . .

I lay down My life so that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.

# Division Among the People

- **John 7:12-13** Some were saying, “He is a good man”; others were saying, “No, on the contrary, He leads the people astray.” Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews.
- **John 7:31** Many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, “When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?”
- **John 7:40-43** Some were saying, “This certainly is the Prophet.” Others were saying, “This is the Christ.” Still others were saying, “Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He? “Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

## Jesus Works

John 10:37-38 “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works,

so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.

## Jesus Works – Matthew 11:2-5

- The blind receive their sight
- The lame walk
- The lepers are cleansed
- The deaf hear
- The dead are raised
- The poor have the gospel preached to them



# Impact of The Raising of Lazarus



# The Raising of Lazarus Divides the People

Many therefore of the Jews, who beheld what He had done, believed in Him.

But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, “What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. “If we let Him *go on* like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”



## Chief Priests & Pharisees

Caiaphas said to them, “It is expedient that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish” . . . So from that day on they planned together to kill Him

# Unexpected Controversy

Why was  
this not  
sold for  
the poor?



Leave  
her  
alone  
She has  
anointed  
me for  
burial



# Judas Iscariot

Jesus knew from the beginning who would betray him.

Criticized Mary for anointing Jesus

Satan entered into Judas, put into his heart to betray Jesus

Judas asked "Is it I?"

Judas sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver and betrayed him with a kiss



# Peter

Be it far from thee, Lord!

Though all will be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Though I should die, I will not deny thee

Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

The Lord turned and looked, and Peter remembered



# Nicodemus & Joseph

Secret disciples of Jesus

Does our law judge any man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?

Joseph came boldly to Pilate to ask for Jesus body. Nicodemus provided spices for his burial.

Mary anointed Jesus before his death, Nicodemus did after.

## Many Even of the Rulers Believed in Jesus

John 12:42-43 Many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.





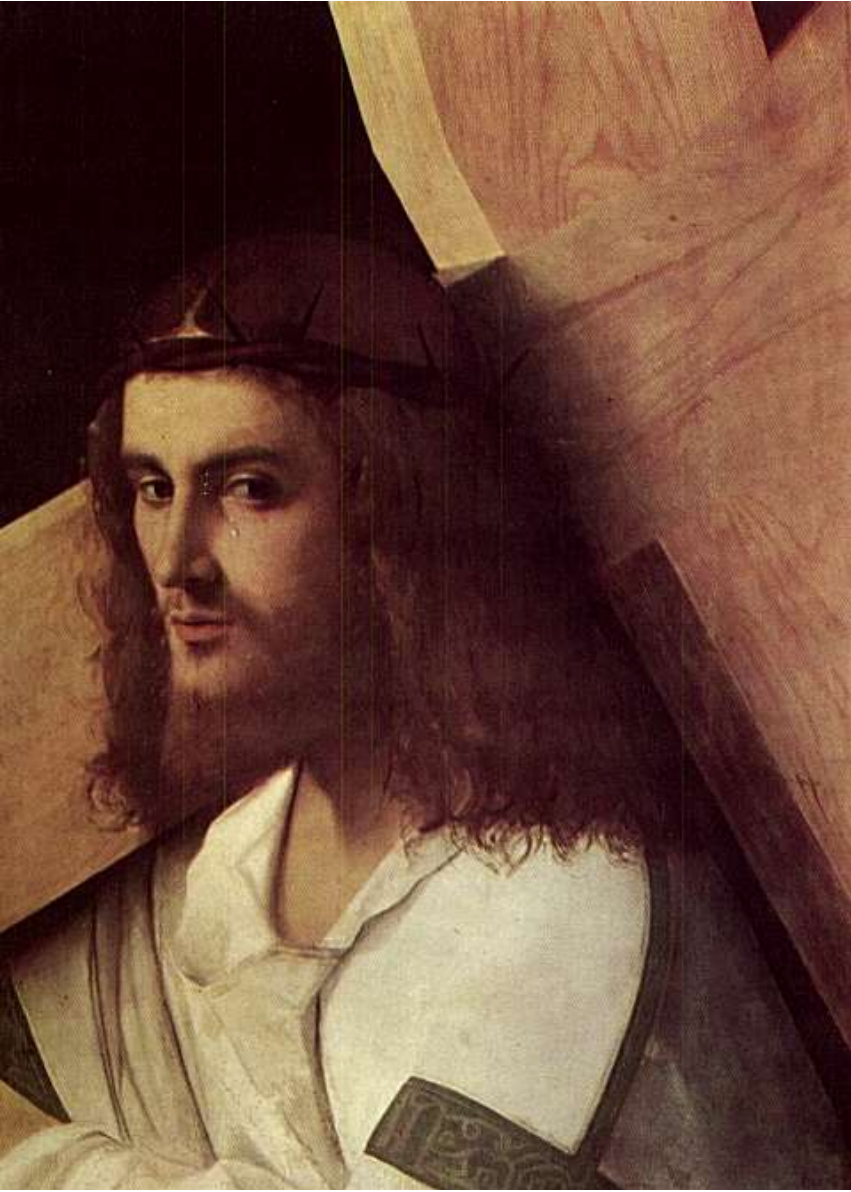
## Pilate

Your own nation and chief  
priests have delivered you  
unto me, for envy

I find no fault in this man

Behold the man!

I am innocent of the blood  
of this just person.



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