

is recognized<sup>a</sup> by its own fruit! People do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick up grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup> Out of the good treasure of his heart, a good person brings out what is good, but out of the evil treasure of his heart, one who is evil brings out what is evil. For out of the overflowing of the heart, the mouth speaks. ✠ End on Tuesday.

✠ BUILDING ON ROCK OR SAND ✠

§28 <sup>46</sup> ✠ “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? <sup>47</sup> I will show you what the person is like who comes to me, hears my words and does them. <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house who dug and went deep, and laid a foundation on the rock. When a flood arose, the water<sup>b</sup> rushed against that house but could not shake it, because it was founded on the rock. <sup>49</sup> But the one who hears and does not practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The stream rushed against it, and at once it fell down; and the ruin of that house was great.”

✠ THE HEALING OF THE CENTURION’S SERVANT ✠

§29 <sup>7</sup> Now when Jesus had finished speaking all that he wanted the people to hear, he entered ✠ into Capernaum.

✠ End on Wednesday.

<sup>2</sup> There was the slave of a certain centurion, a man highly valued by his master, who was sick and at the point of death. <sup>3</sup> When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him presbyters of the Jews to ask him to come and save his slave. <sup>4</sup> When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, saying, “This man deserves to have you do this <sup>5</sup> because he loves our nation and *even* built our synagogue for us.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus went along with them, but as he was approaching the house, the centurion sent word to him (by some friends to say to him), “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. <sup>7</sup> Therefore, I did not even think myself worthy to come to you. But *only* say the word and my servant will be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I am also a man

§28. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Luke: The Lord said: ✠

§29. 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Luke: At that time, Jesus entered ✠

placed under authority, and I have soldiers under my command.<sup>a</sup> I tell this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

<sup>9</sup> When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him. Turning around, he said to the multitude who followed him, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel!”

<sup>10</sup> And the messengers, returning to the house, found that the slave who had been sick was *now* well. ✠ End on Saturday.

✠ THE RAISING OF THE SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIN ✠

<sup>11</sup> Soon afterwards, ✠ Jesus went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him.

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a dead person was being carried out, who was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her. <sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, “Do not cry.” <sup>14</sup> He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He then said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!” <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. Jesus then gave him to his mother.

<sup>16</sup> They were all filled with awe and glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!” ✠ End on Sunday.

<sup>17</sup> This news ✠ concerning Jesus spread throughout Judea and in all the surrounding countryside.

✠ MESSENGERS FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST ✠

<sup>18</sup> John’s disciples told him about all these things. <sup>19</sup> John called two of his disciples and sent them to Jesus to ask, “Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for another?” <sup>20</sup> When the men reached *Jesus*, they said, “John the Baptizer has sent us to you, saying: ‘Are you the one who is coming or should we look for another?’”

§30. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke: At that time, ✠

§31. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Luke; Forerunner: At that time, the news ✠