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Christ Jesus

GOLDEN TEXT

Luke 9:44 (to :)

Let these sayings sink down into your ears:

RESPONSIVE READING

John 10:10 *I am*; **Matthew 5:3–10, 44** *I say*,
45; 7:12 *all (to :), 24, 25*

John 10:10 . . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Matt. 5:3 **Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

4 **Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

5 **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

6 **Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

7 **Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

8 **Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

9 **Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

10 **Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

44 . . . **I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

45 **That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**

7:12 . . . **all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them:**

24 **Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:**

25 **And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.**

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | [Luke 4:14 \(to :\), 17–19, 21, 40](#)

¹⁴ And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee:

¹⁷ And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

²¹ And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

2 | [Mark 16:17, 18](#)

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1 | [333:13](#)

The proper name of our Master in the Greek was Jesus the Christ; but Christ Jesus better signifies the Godlike.

2 | [26:12–14](#)

This Christ, or divinity of the man Jesus, was his divine nature, the godliness which animated him. Christ's demonstration

3 | [117:16–19](#)

As a divine student he unfolded God to man, illustrating and demonstrating Life and Truth in himself and by his power over the sick and sinning. The miracles of Jesus

4 | [26:16](#)

His mission was to reveal the Science of celestial being, to prove what God is and what He does for man.

5 | [328:30–31](#)

The purpose of his great life-work extends through time and includes universal humanity.

6 | [350:6–11](#)

To understand all our Master's sayings as recorded in the New Testament, sayings infinitely important, his followers must grow into Both words and works

that stature of manhood in Christ Jesus which enables them to interpret his spiritual meaning. Then they know how Truth casts out error and heals the sick.

SECTION 2

The Bible

3 | [John 5:19](#) *The, 20*

¹⁹ The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

4 | [Matthew 11:2–5](#)

² Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, ³ And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? ⁴ Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

5 | [Matthew 16:13–18](#)

¹³ When Jesus came into the coasts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,

saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? ¹⁴ And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵ He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? ¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Science and Health

7 | [26:28–30](#)

Our Master taught no mere theory, doctrine, or belief. It was the divine Principle of all real being which he taught and practised.

8 | [27:1](#)

Jesus sent a message to John the Baptist, which was intended to prove beyond a question that the Christ had come: "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." In other words: Tell John what the demonstration of divine power is, and

he will at once perceive that God is the power in the Messianic work.

9 | [136:1–5, 9–14](#)

Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught his followers that his religion had a divine Principle, which would cast out error and heal both the sick and the sinning.

The
Christ-mission

The question then as now was, How did Jesus heal the sick? His answer to this question the world rejected. He appealed to his students: “Whom do men say that I, the Son of man, am?” That is: Who or what is it that is thus identified with casting out evils and healing the sick?

10 | [137:16–9](#)

With his usual impetuosity, Simon replied for his brethren, and his reply set forth a great fact: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!” That is: The Messiah is what thou hast declared, — Christ, the spirit of God, of Truth, Life, and Love, which heals mentally. This assertion elicited from Jesus the benediction, “Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven;” that is, Love hath shown thee the way of Life!

A divine
response

Before this the impetuous disciple had been called only by his common names, Simon Bar-

The true and
living rock

jona, or son of Jona; but now the Master gave him a spiritual name in these words: “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock [the meaning of the Greek word *petros*, or *stone*] I will build my church; and the gates of hell [*hades*, the *under-world*, or the *grave*] shall not prevail against it.” In other words, Jesus purposed founding his society, not on the personal Peter as a mortal, but on the God-power which lay behind Peter’s confession of the true Messiah.

It was now evident to Peter that divine Life, Truth, and Love, and not a human personality, was the healer of the sick and a rock, a firm foundation in the realm of harmony.

Sublime
summary

11 | [326:12](#)

We must forsake the foundation of material systems, however time-honored, if we would gain the Christ as our only Saviour. Not partially, but fully, the great healer of mortal mind is the healer of the body.

SECTION 3

The Bible

6 | [Psalms 147:6 \(to :\), 15](#)

6 The Lord lifteth up the meek:
15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

7 | [John 12:44](#)

44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

8 | [Mark 7:32, 34, 35](#)

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. 35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

Science and Health

12 | [55:15–16](#)

Truth's immortal idea is sweeping down the centuries, gathering beneath its wings the sick and sinning.

13 | [354:23](#)

The night of materiality is far spent, and with the dawn Truth will waken men spiritually to hear and to speak the new tongue.

14 | [332:9–11 Christ](#)

Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness.

15 | [259:6–11 The](#)

The divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted their lives higher than their poor thought-models would allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick, sinning, and dying.

16 | [313:24–26](#)

He plunged beneath the material surface of things, and found the spiritual cause.

Jesus the
Scientist

17 | [41:6](#)

Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being.

18 | [262:10, 24](#)

We must reverse our feeble flutterings — our efforts to find life and truth in matter — and rise above the testimony of the material senses, above the mortal to the immortal idea of God. These clearer, higher views inspire the Godlike man to reach the absolute centre and circumference of his being.

Starting from a higher standpoint, one rises spontaneously, even as light emits light without effort; for "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

SECTION 4

The Bible

9 | [Revelation 12:10](#)

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

10 | [Luke 19:37–40](#) *the whole*

³⁷ the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; ³⁸ Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. ⁴⁰ And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Science and Health

19 | [54:8–10](#) *All*

All must sooner or later plant themselves in Christ, the true idea of God.

20 | [53:16–18](#)

The world could not interpret aright the discomfort which Jesus inspired and

the spiritual blessings which might flow from such discomfort.

21 | [224:19](#)

Cold disdain, stubborn resistance, opposition from church, state laws, and the press, are still the harbingers of truth's full-orbed appearing.

22 | [568:26–30](#)

A louder song, sweeter than Pæan of jubilee has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain.

SECTION 5

The Bible

11 | [John 17:1, 11](#) *Holy, 26 that*

¹ These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

¹¹ Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

²⁶ that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

12 | [Mark 14:1, 17, 27, 28, 32, 35, 36](#)

¹ After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought

how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

17 And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.

27 And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. 28 But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.

32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

13 | [Luke 22:45–51](#)

45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. 47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. 48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? 49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? 50 And one of them

smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. 51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

Science and Health

23 | [48:19 The](#)

The great demonstrator of Truth and Love was silent before envy and hate. Peter would have smitten the enemies of his Master, but Jesus forbade him, thus rebuking resentment or animal courage. He said: "Put up thy sword."

Defensive weapons

24 | [54:1](#)

Through the magnitude of his human life, he demonstrated the divine Life. Out of the amplitude of his pure affection, he defined Love. With the affluence of Truth, he vanquished error. The world acknowledged not his righteousness, seeing it not; but earth received the harmony his glorified example introduced.

25 | [33:18](#)

When the human element in him struggled with the divine, our great Teacher said: "Not my will, but Thine, be done!" — that is, Let not the flesh, but the Spirit, be represented in me. This is the new understanding of spiritual Love. It gives all for Christ, or Truth. It blesses its enemies, heals the sick, casts out error, raises the dead from trespasses

The holy struggle

and sins, and preaches the gospel to the poor, the meek in heart.

26 | [52:19](#)

The “man of sorrows”
best understood the
nothingness of material life and intelligence and the mighty actuality of all-inclusive God, good. These were the two cardinal points of Mind-healing, or Christian Science, which armed him with Love. The highest earthly representative of God, speaking of human ability to reflect divine power, prophetically said to his disciples, speaking not for their day only but for all time: “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;” and “These signs shall follow them that believe.”

Saviour’s
prediction

27 | [37:16–17](#)

When will Jesus’ professed followers learn to emulate him in *all* his ways and to imitate his mighty works?

28 | [365:15–19](#)

If the Scientist reaches his
patient through divine Love,
the healing work will be accomplished at one visit, and the disease will vanish into its native nothingness like dew before the morning sunshine.

Speedy
healing

SECTION 6

The Bible

14 | [Acts 2:22](#) *Jesus, 24, 32*

22 Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

15 | [John 2:22](#)

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

16 | [John 15:15](#) *all, 27*

15 all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Science and Health

29 | [316:17–21](#)

The Christ-idea, or the Christ-man, rose higher to human view because of the crucifixion, and thus proved that Truth

was the master of death. Christ presents the indestructible man, whom Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs.

30 | [31:14–17](#)

It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes Jesus “the resurrection and the life” to all who follow him in deed.

Healing
primary

31 | [55:22](#)

The time for the reappearing of the divine healing is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ’s cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of Christian healing.

SECTION 7

The Bible

17 | [Luke 9:43 while, 44 \(to :\)](#)

⁴³ while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto

his disciples, ⁴⁴ Let these sayings sink down into your ears:

18 | [Colossians 3:16](#)

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Science and Health

32 | [25:26](#)

Implicit faith in the Teacher and all the emotional love we can bestow on him, will never alone make us imitators of him. We must go and do likewise, else we are not improving the great blessings which our Master worked and suffered to bestow upon us. The divinity of the Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus.

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