

# **THE COMPLETE SAYINGS OF JESUS**

## **THE (NEW\*) KING JAMES VERSION**

### **OF CHRIST'S OWN WORDS**

***PLACE, TIME, OR OCCASION, OR A QUESTION THE REPLY TO WHICH IS THE  
MASTER'S OWN ANSWER***

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for (hopefully) easier reading where it's deemed appropriate. [-LY]**

Like the Jefferson bible, this is an attempt to edit the four gospels into a consistent account, in this case focusing on the words of Jesus. [Unlike the Jefferson bible, this is not an attempt to strip out any aspect of Jesus and his ministry, in Jefferson's case the miracles, in the process.] There is plenty of connecting narrative around the instances where Jesus speaks, so this is better than simply presenting each quote out of context. The focus on what Jesus is attributed as saying makes it easier to browse the core texts of the New Testament. All in all, a very useful reference, and a great read.

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## REMINDER BY THE PUBLISHER

The number of words in the KJV New Testament is 181,253. Only 36,450 of these 181,253 words are the words of Christ — barely over 20 per cent.

Considered as verses, the New Testament has 7,959 verses, of which but 1,599 are sayings of Christ.

These relatively few sayings of Jesus have not a place apart, but run in an uneven distribution through the four Gospels (a few in other Books); and in each of the four Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke, John — the "sayings" are unevenly distributed through the narrative. Often a "saying" recorded, it may be, by Matthew, is paraphrased, or even duplicated, by one or more of the other three biographers, none of whom seems to have intended either a chronological harmony with the others, or even a sustained sequence of his own.

Accordingly, only the devoted reader of the New Testament, the habitual reader, is sufficiently the delver to have become familiar with Christ's sayings—really familiar—familiar with the sayings not only as severally set down by the four evangelists, but also as one message, one gospel proclaiming the Savior's great objective.

If relatively few persons in a Christian country are habitual readers of the sayings of Christ that may be because relatively few persons are delvers.

The publisher is convinced that this book provides the means for the nonreaders of the New Testament to become familiar with Jesus the Christ, his sayings, and his great purpose, without delving—indeed without effort, so engaging is the story here recorded—a glowing short story.

[Extra Note: Replacing KJV text with New KJV (NKJV) text [sometimes additionally modified; hopefully, for better clarity] provide a more modern feel and fluidity of read. However, the KVJ is not without its advantages, especially regarding pronouns; as the use of thee, thou, thine, ye, etc. allow for explicit indication of singular or plural pronoun forms, person, case, – most modern translations require context and supplemental notes to achieve the same end. –LY]

Ref: [http://alt-usage-english.org/pronoun\\_paradigms.html](http://alt-usage-english.org/pronoun_paradigms.html)  
<http://av1611.com/kjbp/articles/bacon-theethou.html>

## THE COMPILER'S PURPOSE

THE shelves of the libraries and of the bookstores bend beneath the tomes of the sayings, the bare sayings, of all the other great men; but one will not find in library or bookstore, in any published book, the complete sayings of Jesus, the bare sayings in simple sequence, Christ's own words, *separate*.

This compiler's purpose has been to enable any reader, whether confirmed Christian or inquiring pagan, or a frankly detached, to get him a book of CHRIST'S OWN WORDS, "divested," so runs the title page, "of the context, *excepting* those brief portions of the gospel narratives retained to establish the place, the time, or occasion, or a question the reply to which is the Master's own answer."

Many a reader, arrived at FINIS [END] in the New Testament itself, has but a hazy picture of Christ on his daily walks as a circuit preacher everywhere within walking distance; has but a sketchy outline of the times and occasions—so many biographers! — Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul — each essaying not a biography as such, not the record of the Teacher's sayings as such, but intent upon launching each his own conception of Christ's mission.

Christ's sayings complete, brought into a sequence of times and occasions, but lifted out of contexts alien to the present purpose, may prove to be a glowing story new not only to the non-reader, but new even to the whilom [former] New-Testament readers who have not as yet discerned the "continuities."

Devoted readers will not be diverted from the Great Text. Perhaps other readers—the casual New-Testament reader and the *non-reader*—after enjoying these pages may venture the greater enjoyment: the attentive perusal of all the gospels and all the epistles, perhaps of all the New Testament.

**Extra Notes:** While consistency with recognized Biblical texts is a primary objective; where there are pieces of a story scattered across several books, an attempt was made to combine the information into one unified story; taking care to not lose or alter the meaning and original intent as best as possible. While it cannot be exactly determined in all instances; an attempt was made to insure, as closely as possible, a sense of continuity -- of timeline and unified storylines. [-LY]

To hopefully help the reader, some additional, though minimal, contextual Biblical verses were added to the original to (again, hopefully) allow more clarity and understanding; along with additional notes, indicated as "[see Extra Note #], where # is a sequence number. The APPENDIX has been greatly augmented with additional notes, reference materials and links to relevant documents. Also, all quotes by Jesus are now in **red letter**. [-LY]

## Some Thoughts

The coverage of the life and ministry of Jesus takes place in the Gospels [Matthew, Mark, Luke and John] (with some supporting information provided in Acts and some of the epistles).

What's striking is not the apparent (on first glance) differences among the Gospels, but their similarities and cohesiveness.

While there are many specific differences (usually missing pieces of information) from one Gospel to another; any one of the Gospels, while showing differences with another Gospel in some of the specifics, will allow you to get the main gist of what is being reported.

However, I found that (for me) merging the various Gospel stories and reporting of events chronologically as in a biography, provided a complete and non-contradictory picture (and improved understanding and comprehension) of an event or story; and further facilitated experiencing the chronological narrative contained herein. (At least as chronological as can be deduced from the text and historical background.)

In addition to converting Bible text from KJV to (usually) NKJV, I've made changes (mainly verse additions) to original text where I felt appropriate (adding to surrounding background to give a better feel for social, religious and political attitudes and conditions in which the text is presented).

With that in mind, extensive "extra notes" were added, so that potential problems and confusion with a passage can be addressed immediately. The notes also add contextual background to help you (and me) better understand and be able to "put yourself in" the midst of the 'action'. Also, pointing out prophetic significance and social dynamics. [Currently acting as a repository of reference information.]

These extra notes cover word, phrases and topic areas that I wish I knew (and had quick and easy access to) when originally reading the *Sayings of Jesus*. Their subsequent discovery facilitated enhancement of comprehension, understanding of the events and their 'backdrop', putting me more in the midst and 'experiencing' it in my mind – an enjoyable and rewarding place to be.

Where there are related verses, recalling a particular event or a corresponding series of events, spread among the various Gospels – that have no clear inter-Gospel verse chronology – table charts are included in the footnotes to help the reader view and compare the different Gospel perspectives and provide a possible "best-case" sequencing and prioritizing of verses.

So far, I have NOT come across any "conflict" that was not reasonably resolvable when looking at the merged texts for the Gospels and/or referencing corresponding background information. [Which has amazed the skeptic in me!] [-LY]

As the compiler / assembler of this Information, I have the luxury of being able to pick and choose (or filter) what is included. However, while I acknowledge a natural skewing of information as I have become aware of various sources; where there is an honest and common difference of opinion about different verses and their understanding or contradictions among the Gospels, I have endeavored to include several (even contradicting) perspectives to make you fully aware of the issues and to allow you to explore and determine for yourself which is the best “solution” to Biblical problems and supposed contradictions. You will also be able to see how they were harmonized by the original compiler and/or by me and often view my supporting comparison charts.

The corollary to what I’m saying is: just because I include it in the notes and/or Appendix does not mean I agree with it, nor do I expect you to agree without testing against scripture, the leading of the Holy Spirit and verifying for yourself.

So far, when “contradictions” and problems among the Gospels have been encountered, I’ve learned not to panic, but to pray for understanding and wisdom and for access to resources that deal in an intellectually honest and rational (in the good sense of that word) way to determine solutions. [-LY]

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[http://thepathtolight.com/What\\_Jesus\\_Taught.html](http://thepathtolight.com/What_Jesus_Taught.html)

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[http://www.preteristarchive.com/Books/pdf/1850\\_brown\\_discourses-sayings\\_1.pdf](http://www.preteristarchive.com/Books/pdf/1850_brown_discourses-sayings_1.pdf)

(John Brown, 1850, Discourses and Sayings of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

# INTRODUCTION

BY NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, D.D.

One of the high spiritual moments which have enriched my life came the day I read this book at one sitting. It was a moving and unforgettable experience in which I had the feeling of actually being in the presence of Jesus. It produced a strange compelling identification with the sights, sounds and atmosphere of those times and the Lord's presence was profoundly realistic. When I finished the book I came back to present reality with a start. This effect was created by the fact that here we have every recorded word spoken by Jesus and in the sequence in which he uttered them.

This little volume offers an amazing reading experience, one in which the reader follows the Master through the villages and about the lake and into the cities, hearing his priceless comments to individuals and his sermons to vast multitudes. The reading of all of his words at one time and in chronological order produces an effect quite different from that which is attained by reading isolated Scripture passages in which his spoken words appear, as profoundly helpful as these are. The impact upon mind and heart, of his whole message, affects one profoundly.

This book gives a panoramic concept of the thoughts and teachings of Jesus. And so grand and noble is the impression made upon the mind that the reader has an enhanced understanding of the purpose of this the greatest life ever lived. For mental stimulation, heartfelt comfort, and soul satisfaction, THE COMPLETE SAYINGS OF JESUS is unique.

I shall always be grateful that Lunsford P. Yandell made this little volume known to me years ago. He explained that a friend of his, a businessman, Arthur Hinds, sensed the importance of bringing the words of Jesus together in chronological form so that the full sweep and completeness of the immortal message might more effectively be felt and comprehended. These laymen had a keen consciousness of the ineffable power of the words of Jesus and, in a desire to relate them more widely to busy modern people, arranged them in this convenient and readable form. For many years this book has been made available through the literature sales organization of the Marble Collegiate Church. The thousands who have read the book, through our recommendation, have reported that it has brought great spiritual blessing to them. I commend this new edition to all who desire the creative touch of Christ upon their lives.

**NOTE: Remember, when this edition was published (1927), Norman Vincent Peale was one of the most well-known and respected protestant theologians of his time and his recommendation carried a lot of weight / influence with the average person.**