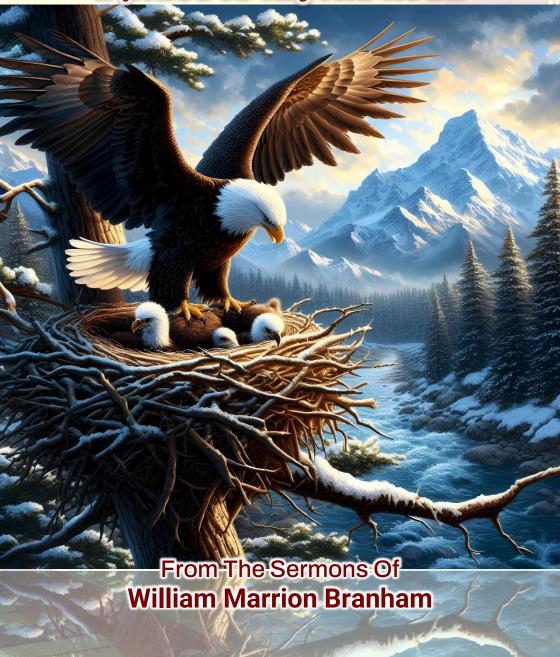
## But the Son of man has not a place to lay His head



## **Matthew 8:18-20**

- 18. Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.
- 19. And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.
- 20. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

## Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

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57 Now, Demas come out of a rich family and he was wealthy, and money sometimes means religion to people. Like they say in California, "If you haven't got three Cadillacs, you're not spiritual." So it means, if you're not successful, if you don't have the finest church there is in the city, the people won't go. It's

almost that way here, Poogh. You, you've got to have the finest church in the country, or they say, "You, oh, you mean you joined up with a little bunch like that?"

58 Did you know our Lord didn't have a place to lay His head? Did you know He only owned one coat? See? And He had...He was just kind of a person was pushed about. And He didn't have no place to lay His head. But they could have thought the same thing, and did, about Him.

## 62-0908 – Present Stage Of My Ministry

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36 And then another thing, you know, I think we're going down in places. A lot of people that comes to my meetings are poor people just like I am, and I want to stay just like they are. Would it look right now for a minister to go around, an all-great something, you know, like that, and tens of thousands of dollars, and throwing it this way and that way; and—and some poor woman pulling a cotton sack on her back, picking cotton for about three dollars a day, eating fat bacon and corn bread? Huh-uh. I can't, can't see that, you see. Christ owned the earth, and didn't have a place to lay His head; "foxes has dens." And He was our Example. He was what He was supposed to be.

37 Now, not as I'm trying to yet condemn that. I'm just trying to tell you about myself. Therefore, with no money, then I've never attempted to start anything big, you know. And—and you can't start nothing big, anyhow. The biggest thing there is, we're going to It, see; so, and it's God. And I think we're all just the same size, and let's just stay like-like that. We're God's children.

63-1115 – The World Is Falling Apart

203 In the beginning, He was the Father. He was above all. He was alone. He dwelt alone, Elohim. Even when He come down upon the mountain, even if an animal touched the mountain, they must die. But then, "He was made flesh, and we touched Him, handled Him." He did that in order to shed His Blood, virgin Blood; because we are born by sexual desire. He was born virgin-birth. He wasn't the blood of a Jew. Neither was He

a Gentile. He was God, creative Blood. See? Jew blood don't save us. Gentile blood don't save us. "God's Blood," the Bible says, "saves us." He was God's Blood.

204 Some people said that He was...that, "Mary conceived, and that was the...the egg belonged to Mary; the blood cell come from the male sex, which was God." That's wrong, too. If it is, look here. Then, to bring that egg down, there had to be some kind of a sensation.

Then what do you have God doing to Mary?

205 He created both egg and Blood. He was God. She was an incubator. She was only borrowed womb. Like a borrowed grave to be buried in. He made all. See, had not a place to lay His head. He become our example, what we should be. He never took sides with nobody, but did that which pleased the Father, always.

64-0206B - Paradox

109 What difference does it make if I'm eighty or if I'm twenty? I'm only here for one thing: to serve the Lord. That's all. If I can still preach the Gospel like I do now, when I'm eighty, what difference does it make whether I'm forty or eighty? There's a many man eighty years old tonight. And there's a lot of children will die, when an eighty-year old man will outlive a many one of them. What difference does it make? It's your motives, your principles, and we're here to serve the Lord Jesus. That's all.

110 Knowing this, that, "This life is a vapor that a man speaks about; that once was, and then is not." But if we have Eternal Life, God has promised He will raise us up again. And we'll take the communion with Him when the days are over, and when He say, "Enter into the joys of the Lord, that's been prepared for you since the foundation of the world."

111 Then what difference does it make here, whether we have anything or whether we don't? Whether we're young or whether we're old, what difference does it make? The main thing, are you ready to meet Him? Do you love Him? Can you serve Him? Have you sold out to the things of the world? Have you met Melchisedec since the battle was over?

112 Bless God! About twentyone years old, I was, and one day I had a battle with *this*, *that*, and the

other. I couldn't make out whether I wanted to be a fighter, or whether I wanted to be a trapper, or hunter, what I want to be. But I met Melchisedec, and He give me communion, and since then it was settled forever. Hallelujah! I've went on His side. I've been rejoicing on the road. And when it comes to the end of the road, and death stares me in the face, the way I feel now, I'll never dread it. I'll walk, want to walk into the face of it, knowing this, that I know

Him Who has made the promise, that's right, that I know Him in the power of His resurrection. When He calls from among the dead, I'll come out from among them. That's right, knowing Him in the power of His resurrection. What difference does it make, whether I'm old or whether I'm young? Whether I'm little or whether I'm big? Whether I'm full or whether I'm hungry? Whether I got a place to lay down or whether I haven't?

113 "The birds has the nests, and the fox has den, but the Son of man has not a place to lay His head," but He was the King of Glory.

114 We are kings and priests tonight. What difference does it make whether we have or whether we haven't? As long as we got God, we are more than conquerors. We are more than conquerors. We set in Presence of God, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, taking Spiritual

communion from the hands of Him that testified, "I was He that was dead, and alive again, and I'm alive for evermore." Setting together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Oh, blessed be His Holy Name! What difference does it make?

A tent or a cottage, why should I care?

They're building a palace for me over There!

Of rubies and diamonds, and silver and gold,

His coffers are full, He has riches untold.

115 I met Him one day when I come from the battle. I laid my trophies down. I ain't fought a battle since then; He fights them for me. I just rest upon His promise, knowing this, that I know Him in the power of His resurrection. That's all that matters. What else does matter?

116 What can we do? Why taking thought can add one cubit

to your stature? What do you care whether your hair is curly, or whether you got any or not? What difference does it make? If you're old, if you're gray, if you're stoopshouldered, if you're not, what difference does it make? Amen. This is just for a spell, a little space, but That's forever and forever. And as aeons of time roll on, as the ages roll on, you'll never change, and go through His ceaseless Eternal ages. What difference does it make?

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135 I think the sweetest Scripture there is in all the Bible is this Scripture: "Father, I sanctify Myself because of them." He was a man, He could have had a wife, He was a man. He could have had a home, a place to lay His head, He had—He had had rights to that, He was a man. He could have had good clothes, He was a man. But what did He say, "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sake."

136 What was He doing? He was training up twelve disciples that were going to preach the Gospel in all the world, He put an example. And brethren, ministers, I tell you it pays us, not to get too much of the world's goods and things hanging around us, you preachers I'm talking to, sanctify yourself for them that

you're going to lead. That's what we need today, is a complete consecrated, sanctified life of ministers, that walk upright before God, does not entangle with the things of the world, keep away from it. "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sake." For...Not because He had to do it, but He did it for their sake.

137 Now, when the Romans put a rag around His face, and they knowed He could see visions, so

they hit Him on top of the head with a stick, and said, "Tell us, who hit you. If you're a prophet, tell us who hit you. Now, we're going to believe you."

138 "But He opened not His mouth." See the wisdom of God? That had been an ordinary prophet he would have boiled loose there, or something, but He was God, He knowed what to do, He knowed who that was in them people.

139 When He got up at the, started up the cross, they said, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." That was the greatest compliment was ever paid Him. Why, if He would have saved Hisself, He couldn't have saved others, but He—He gave Hisself so He could save others and make a preparation. The God of Glory, glorifying God in Glory, glorifying the God of Glory. Amen. Talk about the super Sign and a way provided,

a place that we might have fellowship!

140 Let's look at Him a few minutes. The world is in darkness, the church in its intellectual standpoint has fell to the ground, has toppled, the nation itself is in captivity. It's a dark morning, first, the sun rises pretty, and then smoke begin to gather in the earth. We're standing in an upper room in Jerusalem, nineteen hundred years ago, and let's just take a little trip now, and look where our fellowship, what happened, the reason we could have fellowship. Let's just watch it a few minutes and see if it isn't on the basis of the shed blood.

141 I see Him, I hear a noise outside the window. What is it? Ah, some of them saying, "What has He done?" I see a little woman run out in front say, "What has He done? He's only healed the sick,

and comforted the poor, and brought Life, hopes of Life, to us."

Some man smacks her off the street, said, "Would you hear her instead of your own pastor, your priest? Away with her!"

Someone else raise up, say, "I had a crippled leg, and He healed me."

"Take Him to the gallows." See? Oh, what a time!

142 I'm listening to something bumping, let's pull up the shade, look out. I see, coming down the street, a sight that would break the heart of an iron man, a One that was-that was innocent of any sin, but yet taken the sin of all the world upon Him. Never knowed no sin, He never one time displeased God, His Father. There never was one time that He did anything that was wrong, He was the perfect, and the only perfect Man in the world, and the

imperfect church condemned Him to death. Talk about a place!

60-0611B – Fellowship

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day when she dedicated Him, here He was coming, and all the mothers coming around, little, needle-worked clothes, and things like that on the little babies, and—and there all of them said, "Uh-oh!

Looky *there*, there's that Mary. See, that baby was borned out of wedlock, stay back from him, stay away," and stayed way back from Him.

188 He was wrapped in swaddling's cloth, not needlework, swaddling's cloth. And when He was laying in there...If I'm told right, that's the yoke on a ox that they put in the stable in there, that they had stuff that kept it from rubbing his

shoulder, they claim that's what Jesus was wrapped in, not even clothes to wear, no place to lay His head, come to the earth through a borrowed womb over a manure pile, went out and had to borrow a grave to be buried in. And then we think we're somebody. Oh my!

189 The God of Heaven Who could create bread and fish, and make water into wine, Who made Heavens and earth, and took the

place of a humble, poorest among all, washed the feet of disciples, the very dust that He created He washed. The very dust that He created He was made out of, put His tent down here, and lived among us in a body of flesh, crossed His caste, come down from God out of Heaven, become Man in order to strike the heart, that's a super sign.

60-0724 – The Unchangeable Word Of God

134 Some time ago I was up at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and I got a scorching letter that morning. And been a snow storm that night, and I went back in a little ol', cheap hotel.

place... I don't believe Christians ought to ask for the best that there is in the land, a Christian ought to be humble. I—I think that, even if you could afford it, I still think we ought to be an

example. My Lord didn't even have a place to lay His head, the foxes had dens, and the birds had nests, but He didn't have a place to lay His head. Come to the world, borrowed a manger to be borned in, come through borrowed womb, went out in a borrowed grave, my, and the God of Heaven. And we ought to show some humility, too.

60-0731 — Show Us The Father And It Will Satisfy Us

152 God open our eyes, open our hearts, open every door in our hearts. Said, "I stand and knock, if any man will hear My Voice, and open, I'll come in, and sup with him."

153 Let's go back a little bit, some nineteen hundred years ago, we'll close, let's put ourself in a little room on the street Straight that leads, led up towards Golgotha. And I hear Somebody

coming, sounds like a knock on the door, bump, bump, like someone is knocking at the door. We go to the door and open the door. It's nobody exactly at the door, but yet it is a knock, but it's an old rugged cross coming down the cobblestones, dragging out the bloody footprints of the Bearer, bump, bump, bump.

154 Oh, it ought to go way down today, and you ought to feel it. On His shoulder it was rubbing, bump, bump. Look like anybody

would open the door to that, a Man dying that knowed no sin, yet was made sin for us, making a way to that bumping. O God, let that bump open every heart in here, this afternoon. *Bump*, *bump*, as it goes along, look at Him.

place to lay His head. Said, "The foxes has dens," His creation, "His birds has nests, but He, the Creator of Heavens and earth, had not a place to lay His head, or a friend to stand by Him."

156 Can't you feel that knocking at the door this afternoon? [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] He was doing that so that bump would knock your heart's door open this afternoon, to let Him in as God, and as Saviour, as Healer, as King.

157 He had one robe. He was wrapped in swaddling cloths when He was born, that's the wrapping off the back of a ox's yoke, didn't have no clothes to put on Him. And now He's dying

with one garment to His Name, yet He made every garment, made the Heavens and earth. It hasn't got a seam in it, they throwed it across His shoulders. I notice there is some little red spots on it. As I noticed that bumping fading out, am I going to let it go by without accepting it?

158 O God, may the meeting not close till you accepted it, know that He's bumping at your heart. He died that He might come back here in the form of the Holy Ghost

and do the things He's been doing for you. Open up your heart, believe Him.

60-0803 – Abraham



57 Now, Jesus, the...I've had the privilege in my life of meeting great men. And it's remarkable to notice just how vice versa things can be. I've met men that was

great men, and then I've met men that thought they were great men. And there's certain a lot of difference in them. A great man will always not be a stuffed shirt, but he'll try to make you think that you're the great man and he's nothing; and the man that isn't nothing and trying to be great, it's just the other way.

58 And that's the reason that I know that Jesus was the Son of God. He came to the earth without even having a place to be

borned, He had to borrow a womb, He had to borrow a manger. He had to ... He come in through a borrowed womb, and went out through a borrowed grave. "The foxes has dens, and the birds of the air has nests, but the Son of man has not where to lay His head," yet, the King of Glory, the God of Heaven made flesh and dwelt among us, that's what made Him big, that's what made Him what He was, by His humility.

59 Humility, the way down is always, the way up. "He that will humble himself, God will exalt; he that exalteth himself shall be abased." The way down is the way up for the believer, humble himself before God.

60 Jesus met with men of all walks of life, He met in great circles, one time He was with thousands, five hundred at once, twelve at once, three at once, and even will come to one. That makes Him great, because not even one

person can ever call on Him but what He will be right there at their side. That's what makes Him God is because of His humility.

60-0806 – Hear Ye Him



31 Thank you all for all your kindness and mercy, and your generous hands that you've shook to me, and—and the kind things

that you've done, and your letters, and we're answering just as fast as we can. And the little prayer cloths that I have prayed over, many of them I haven't got out yet. And if you want one, it's absolutely free, just write me at Jeffersonville, Indiana, and I'll send you one. Just if you...Post Office Box 325. But if you can't think of that, just Jeffersonville, Indiana, it's a small city, of about thirty-five thousand, and our mail is great.

32 Now, I'm not trying to get your address to, for I have no programs at all, I have nothing, no programs. We have books, but them books, we buy them from somebody else to bring them to the meeting. I have no radio, no television, no nothing else. I'm not under obligation to nothing or nobody but God alone. See? I can go to a church, little or big, I don't have to have any certain amount money, there's nothing designated.

33 I'm fifty-one years old, been preaching thirty-one years, and never took a offering in my life. That's right. I—I... No money hooked into it at all. People give me little things so I can live by, and help support the ministry, which is appreciated, that goes into a foundation at my church. Myself, I get one hundred dollars a week for my living, and outside of that, well, that's all I have, and that's all I need.

34 And I—I don't believe that the Gospel of Christ was ever made to commercialize, I believe that it's not to be done. And I do not believe that—that servants of Christ should try to be showmen, I believe they're supposed to be humble, take the place of Christ, Who we, His Life in us, represents Him to the public.

35 Now, we find out that He said, "The foxes has holes and dens, and the birds has nests; but

the Son of God doesn't have a place to lay His head."

He didn't have to be that way.

I think the sweetest Word in the Bible, one of them, "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sakes."

He had a right to a wife, He had a right to a home, He had a right to the—to the pleasures of life, like we have, the comforts of life at least, but He was sanctifying Himself because He was training twelve men that

would stir the world with the Gospel.

And if He could do that, how much more ought we to sanctify ourselves? Certainly.

61-0219 - The Queen Of Sheba

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132 Unless you're born again and have Eternal Life (the Greek word *Zoe* there means "God's Own Life" in you), you'll perish. But

where God's Life is in you, you can no more perish than God can perish, that's right, because you are a son, an offspring of God, and have Eternal Life. Oh, that's the thing the church needs. Then when God is in you, then He lives His Own Life through you. See? And that's how we-we know that we're Christians. Then you're concerned about your brother, if the Spirit is in Christ.

133 That, He was so concerned, that He came from

Heaven, give up Heaven, came down here on earth, and become born in a manured stable with a bunch of bleating cattle, with not even clothes to put on Him. He— He associated. Not a place to lay His head; not a tomb to be buried in; smitten and stricken, the way He was. He was concerned enough, and God so loved the world, till He give His only begotten Son.

134 And all those things there, that that Spirit that was in Him in you, and then we're not concerned about one another and about the church?

135 People is telling me, all the time. A man said, not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, quit picking on the church. Quit saying these things. That ain't for you to say it."

I said, "Who is going to say it then?" See? That's right.

136 That, sure, it's—it's our duty. It's our duty to people, to

really tell the Truth, 'cause you're going to meet it again. This is just a little stay; that's Eternal there. Let's stay with it, tell the truth and be truthful about it. Yes, concerned.

62-0118 — Convinced Then Concerned



294 This rich man had increased in goods, my, where somebody could...

295 Forty thousand dollars, what that meant to somebody, paid off like that. I got ten years to do it in, at four thousand a year. I draw a hundred dollars a week. I could have had it. That's exactly right. I'm not hitting myself on the shoulder. I'm telling you something, what I'm...Just example or something, that you might understand.

296 I could have had it, if I took the money people had give me. I'd be more than a

millionaire. I could have had straight, of buildings, you wouldn't have to rent this. I'd say, "Come on in, take it over." See?

297 But, my, I've tried to think that, make Jesus Christ my Pattern.

He could have created fish.

He could have created money.

He could make wine from water.

He could feed, with—with thousands, on two fishes and a—and a loaf or two of bread.

But, yet, He didn't have a place to lay His head.

He was our Example.

Not something to shine, but something that glows, the Gospel.

63-0126 - Investments

122 The Spirit stayed in a tabernacle, one day, you know that, under tent. "And Solomon built Him a house. But, howbeit, the most High dwelleth not in houses made with hands." "But a body has Thou made Me."

123 Over in the Book of Acts, the 7th chapter, when he was speaking, he said, "All of them foresaw It. They built tent for Him, Moses did, had a tent, and put the

ark in there, for God was on the Mercy Seat. He didn't dwell there." All right.

124 Then, "A body has thou made Me," the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, made lower than the Angels to taste death; and none but the very highest of High, Christ; the Prince of Peace, the King of kings, the Lord of lord, the Creator of every star in the universe.

125 O God! He became lower than His creation, that He might redeem man (homeless, helpless man), and give them a home in Heaven.

He left the glories of Heaven.

He left the highest Name that could be called.

And when He was on earth, man give Him the lowest name that they could give Him, said, "He was an illegitimate baby, to start with."

Born in a manger, wrapped in rags off the back of a yoke of an ox.

No place to go, had no home to go to.

And was called, "Beelzebub," the chief of the devils.

He was mistreated.

He was spit on.

He was made fun of.

He was rejected, and went to the lowest pits, and stooped to "the vilest of prostitutes." That's what man done to Him.

126 But God raised Him up so high that He has to look down to see Heaven.

Man give Him the lowest seat, give Him the worst place, the lowest name. God raised Him up and give Him the highest Seat, and the highest Name.

That's the difference what man done with the Son of God, and what God done with the Son of God.

127 He stooped, that we might be lifted.

He become us, that we through His grace might become Him.

He come to the homeless, and became homeless Hisself, that we might have a home. He came to the sick and was made sick Hisself, that we might be healed.

He came to the sinner, "and made sin, Himself," that we might be saved.

128 No wonder He was exalted. No wonder He is Who He is tonight. God has exalted Him, and all the powers in Heavens and earth is give to Him.

129 When His earthly work had been finished, here on earth...He

came to the earth, as soon as He did, the morning star declared Him to be the Son of God. He shook every devil that He come in contact with. Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Devils trembled and shook, and begged for mercy, in His Presence. Yes, sir. All hell knowed Who He was.

130 Walked humble, He had not a place to lay His head, on a rainy night.

The very animals that He created, "The birds of the air has nests, and the foxes have dens, but the Son of man doesn't have a place to lay His blessed head." Sure, He was.

low and forsaken. But the devils knowed Who He was. They pleaded for mercy. They said, "Why do You come to torment us before our time come?" And while the preachers was calling Him, "Beelzebub, the fortune teller," the

devils was calling Him, "The Son of the living God," and begging for mercy.

132 Oh, how we could only stop just a minute! Who are you, anyhow? What does that job you got mean? Or what does that little house we own mean? What does the car we own mean?

133 Pretty little girl, you little sassy thing, what does that little look that you have now? You young men with a shiny, slick hair,

straight shoulders, you'll bend down someday, when stooped with age.

134 But, blessed be the Lord! You've got a soul that's born again. You'll live forever and ever, because He become you, that you through His grace might become Him, and make a place for you.

57-0825E — Hebrews, Chapter Two #2

48 Now watch Him, "Christ being slain before the foundation of the world."

49 When God looked down and saw the only thing that would save lost man, He said...I don't know if this is the words, but it had to be something like this. "Man cannot be saved, because he is going to sin. But I look down through there and I see tens of thousands of honest hearts will want to come. I

see thousands of people who will want to be saved, and not want to go into this horrible destruction that I'm going to have to make for the devil and his angels, 'cause they've got to go into everlasting punishment. And honest-hearted people will see that. And I'll-I'll have a man by the name of Esau born; there'll be one, Jacob. And Jacob will be not so good, to begin with, but in his heart he'll love the things of God, so I'll choose lacob."

50 He saw you and He knowed that you wanted to be saved. So He said, "The only thing I can do is to go down, Myself, and have a Son born, or a body of flesh, and be made like them." The antidote is for God Himself to become sin, that He might pay the price. Because, it would take the highest thing there is, to lift man from the lost condition.

51 And, look, He is above every Angel, every Archangel. The highest there was, come down

here on earth, and lived among man. And went to the lowest city in the earth, Jericho. And was so low, till the littlest man of the city had to look down upon Him; Zacchaeus. And, then, died for man's sins. Come in the way of a stable, poor. The richest...Oh, I hope you get it. The richest become the poorest.

52 Even on a stormy night, said, "The birds has nests, and the foxes has holes, but I don't even have a place to lay My

head." The highest of all heavens of Heaven, become the lowest of all lows. Even to the animal life, was privileged, to Him, above Him, as far as comforts of life.

53 Not only that, but, in His death, He suffered a death like no one ever suffered; never, in man, ever suffered with such a broken heart till His Blood and water separated before His death.

54 Poorest; from the richest, to the poorest. From the most

blessed, to the most horrible suffering. And then, besides that, went down into the very lowest depths of the lowest hell, bearing our sin. And got the end of the string, or the end of the rope, from the kink. There, lifted it up in the resurrection, and connected it with the other part of Eternity, and made a Highway of holiness, that the unclean could come on and be cleansed:

Through the Fountain filled with Blood,

Drawn from Emmanuel's vein,

When sinners plunged beneath the flood,

Lose all their guilty stain.

56-0610 - Perfection

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6 Before His going away, He made these kind of statements. He said, "He that believeth on Me..."

Saint John, 14th chapter, 7th verse. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; more than this shall he do, for I go to My Father. I go, and come again."

7 Now we'll find the works that He did. The works that He did?

He did not claim to be a great person, He was just a humble Man.

He didn't speak with any high vocabulary, He just spoke as an ordinary Man.

He lived among the poor, "the foxes had dens, and the birds had nests, but He didn't have a place to lay His head."

He had one garment, that was given to Him, "it was wove throughout, without a seam in it."

8 That's why they gambled for it. Why was that? Because the prophecy of the Old Testament had to be fulfilled, "They parted My garments, cast lots for My vesture." So they could not split it by the seam, they had to gamble for it, and that was to fulfill the prophecy of the Old Testament.

57-0421E – And Their Eyes Were Opened And They Knew Him

180 And Simeon, them days he was, had that promise, and he was believing it with all of his heart. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea (The wise men came, they didn't have the newspapers.), and eight days later the mother come to the temple for offer of the turtledoves or pigeons for the purification, circumcision of the child. And now here come Jesus, now in closing, here come Jesus,

His first time in the temple in the arms of His little mother.

181 They tell me His swaddling cloth was made out of a, the wrapping that went on the back of a yoke of an ox that was hanging in the stable, and then we can put on a five-hundred-dollar mink coat and stick our nose up in the air, if it would drown it would rain us, and think we're somebody, and our Saviour, the God of Heaven, came and wrapped in the swaddling cloth of a ox.

182 "The foxes has dens, and the birds has nests, but the Son of man has not a place to lay His head." And then we think we're somebody, can drive a car better than the Joneses, and just starve our kids to death, nearly, to get that car, too, get a better television, or something, stay home on Wednesday night from prayer meeting, and let the church set vacant to watch We Love Susie, or something like that on, this nonsense on the television;

that shows how much you love God.

183 I'll tell you, brother, it...what we need is a revival, that's just exactly. That's what this nation needs, is get back to God. Yes, sir. When you—you show up...Your action shows what it is, people's action shows, just exactly. If you love the world, or the things of the world, the Bible says the love of God is not even in you. That's right. Oh, you join the church, that's right, but *This* is One we're talking about, you don't join This, you're borned into It. I been in the Branham family fifty-one years, never did ask me, join the family. Why? I was borned in it, I—I was a Branham by birth. That's the way you are a Christian, you're borned into the Church of the living God, you're borned into it by birth, you're a Christian by birth.

61-0308 – Expectations

129 Jesus said in Mark 16, "These signs shall follow them that believe." What kind of an ensign is it? Some great stuffed shirt? No. Humility. The fullness of God in Christ Jesus made Him walk like a humble peasant, made Him wash the feet of His disciples, had not a place to lay His head.

130 Some of us calling ourselves Christians, we go to a place, we got to have the best

there is in the country; got to be guaranteed so much money, we won't go, the evangelist. Some pastors won't go to a church unless it's a high class and big place. Oh, my!

131 We need another experience like Paul saw when he was on the road to Damascus. Paul saw that ensign lifted up! And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"

He said, "I'm Jesus."

132 What we need tonight is another Pillar of Fire hanging over the church again tonight, that people's blinded eyes would be opened and could see it.

62-0119 – An Ensign

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141 Now, you talk about somebody forsaking something, let's look what, for Jesus, Jesus forsook for us. Jesus gave up everything. He had a home in

Heaven. And He gave up His home in Heaven, and came to the earth, and did not even have a place to lay His head. That's right. He become so low, till He didn't ev-...so poor, till He didn't even have a bed to sleep in. He said, "The foxes has dens, and the birds has air...of an air, has nests, but the Son of man don't even have a place to lay His head." See? But what did He get for that? He got raised so high till He has to look down to see heaven.

142 He came to the world, took the lowest name that could be took in the world. He had the lowest name, took the lowest name, was called Beelzebub. Beelzebub is a...When they seen Him discerning the spirits there like that, they said, "He's a fortuneteller. He's Beelzebub, a devil." Fortune-telling is a devil. And they called Him a devil, the lowest of all. He had the lowest name.

143 He went to the lowest city. And the smallest man in the city looked down on top of Him; Zacchaeus, that's—that's right, at Jericho. Way down, he sure did. He had the lowest name that there was in the earth. He was come to the world with an "illegitimate," they called Him, because they really believe that the Baby was born out of holy wedlock. He had that to contend with, to begin with. Then called the name of Beelzebub, the

lowest that could be got. He forsaken His heavenly place, and came to take that.

above every name that's named in the Heaven, every name that's named in the earth, till the whole family in Heaven and earth is named the Lord Jesus. Hallelujah! That's it. He forsook; He was rewarded. Sure, He did. All right.

145 He came to the earth, Creator of heavens and earth, and He had nothing to eat. Satan tempted Him, fasting for us, but He received food that the others knew nothing about.

One day He said so. "I have food."

Said, "Why don't You come, eat?"

146 He said, "I have Food that you know not of." That's right. He had Food that they didn't know nothing of.

147 Here on earth, He had no shelter, they said, no place, no house, nothing belonged to Him. But you know what? He became a Shelter for every one of us. God made Him a Shelter, for the whole human race. He had no shelter of His own, but He is our Shelter.

148 They been talking so much about fallout shelters. Oh, my! We got one. That's right. Fallout shelters, go in some hole in the ground. And they tell me, "Those

bombs will hit and blast a hole in the ground, for a hundred-andfifty-feet deep, for a hundred-andsomething-miles square." Why, it would break every bone in you, if you was a half-a-mile deep in the ground. Sure, it would, anywhere. But we got a Shelter. Christ is our Shelter. Amen.

149 As I said the other night, they been, Russia has been boasting their great boasting, condition, "We put a man in space, first."

150 I different with that. We've had One in space for two thousand years. Amen. Right. Yes, sir. An Intercessor, yes, sir, that goes into Heaven and back, in a...just like a split second. Sure. We got a Man in space. They haven't got nothing. Yes, sir. Right. All right. We find He didn't have... He had to become a Shelter for all of us.

151 He gave up His Sonship, between Him and the Father, to be made sin for us. Did you know that? "He knowed no sin; became sin for us. Our sins was placed upon Him." He gave up the Sonship, to become sin, now He can make sinners sons. Amen. That's the good part: take sinners and make sons, when He give up His Sonship to become sin, now He takes sinners and makes sons out of them. Amen. What a privilege! Yes, sir.

152 God won't be undersold on anything. No, sir. You can't do this, because God sees to it. His Son

became sin-offering, that He might buy now, take sinners and make sons of God out of them. What a beautiful thing that is. Yeah!

153 Now, yes, sir, He—He gave His strength. He became weak, that He might be our strength. He is our all sufficient Strength. We don't need no other strength but the strength of the Lord Jesus. "He is my Strength from day to day. Without Him I would fall," said the poet. How wonderful!

## 62-0123 – Forsaking All

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143 He possessed every gate of temptation. Oh, how He did! He was a Man, He was a Man like you are, like I am. He had a right to be married, He had a right to have a home, He had a right to the things that we have, He had a right to have clothes. He could have done it, a Man that could turn water into wine, that could know where a coin was in a fish's

mouth, why, He owned the heavens and earth, but yet He abstained from those things.

144 The sweetest words in the Bible when He said, "Father, I sanctify Myself that I might sanctify them." What was He trying to do? Set an example. He was sending twelve man out with a Gospel that would conquer the world, and He's depending on you and I to do it. If He could sanctify Himself like that, why, ought we to set aside every failure, and every doubt, and everything else, and sanctify ourselves! For we are the Seed of Abraham through Him, that are more than conquerors through Him. Yes.

145 He had a right to be married, He had a right to have a home, He had a right to lay His head on a pillow, but "The foxes has dens, and the birds has nests; and the Son of man never had a place to lay his head." Why? "I sanctify myself, Father, for their sake, I do it."

146 "For their sake," not because He had to, but "for their sake," He conquered every enemy.

61-0213 — And Thy Seed Shall Possess The Gate Of His Enemies

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106 Now, Paul speaking here was speaking of yesterday, means the Old Testament. What He was yesterday He is today, and will be forever. That's the Old Testament, the New Testament, and for

evermore, same yesterday, today, and forever. See?

107 Now, what was He yesterday? Now, if He was a—if He was a great, rich man yesterday, He would be a great, rich man today. But when He come yesterday, we find out that He didn't even have a place to lay His head. That's right. "The birds of the air have nests, the foxes has dens; but I don't even have a place to lay My head."

108 He—He had...When He come to the world, He borrowed a

womb to be borned in, they had no cradle to lay Him in, so they laid Him in a box of straw. When He died, He was nailed to a Roman tree under capital punishment. He had one robe to put on, it'd been made for Him, "wove throughout without a seam." He had to borrow a grave to be buried in. So there's none of us that bad off.

109 He come to show what God was. Anything that's high and haughty isn't God. God is low and humble, that's what made Him God. See, something that comes

low, not them that goes high. So God doesn't dwell in hierarchies, and things, He dwells in humility. The way up is down. "Humble yourself and you'll be exalted; exalt yourself and you'll be humble." That's right. See? God knows how to do it. So you have to remember, humble yourself before God. Don't try to think your own thoughts, think His thoughts. See?

62-0724 – Sir, We Would See Jesus

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