

A PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

**A Musical, Scriptural Work
Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus**

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IN THE BEGINNING

(Introduction)

Isaiah (IS) 40:3; 42:1.
Malachi (ML) 3:1a.
Matthew (MT) 3:3,11a,16a,17; 11:10; 12:18.
Mark (MK) 1:4,7a,9.
Luke (LK) 3:16a,22a.
John (JN) 1:1-3a,6,9,15,33.

JN 1:1-3a

**In the beginning
was
the Word:
The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning,
and through him all things were created.**

JN 1:9

**The Word is the true Light
that enlightens all people
—and he was coming into the world!**

MT 12:18 / (IS 42:1)

**Thus, the Lord God says:
“Here is my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved
in whom I delight!
I will put my spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the nations.”**

JN 1:6
MT 11:10 / (ML 3:1a)
MT 3:3 / (IS 40:3)

**And the Lord God sends
a messenger to prepare the way
—a voice crying in the wilderness:
“Clear the way for the Lord!”
This messenger—a man named John—
comes proclaiming a baptism of repentance
and announcing:
“Someone is coming! Someone mightier than I.
I am not worthy to even carry his sandals.
He ranks before me; he existed before me!
And he who sent me to baptize with water
said to me:
The one on whom the Spirit descends
is the one who will baptize
with the Holy Spirit!”**

MK 1:4
MK 1:7a
LK 3:16a
MT 3:11a
JN 1:15
JN 1:33

MK 1:9

JESUS

MT 3:16a

LK 3:22a
MT 3:17

**came to the waters
of the river Jordan,
where John was baptizing,
and he received the baptism of John.
And as Jesus came out of the water,
the sky opened;
and the Spirit, like a dove, descended on him;
and the voice of God, like thunder, declared:
“This is my Son,
my beloved
in whom I delight!”**

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

Isaiah (IS) 9:1a(2a),3(4); 61:1-2a,10a.
Luke (LK) 4:16-20a,21.

Jesus came to his hometown and went to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to proclaim the reading. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him, and he read this passage: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; for, he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring Good News to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to set free the oppressed, to give recovery of sight to the blind, and to announce the favor of the Lord.” Then, he rolled up the scroll and said to the people there: “Today, in your hearing, this Scripture passage is being fulfilled!”	LK 4:16-17
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has chosen me to bring to the poor Good News! And to bind up hearts that are broken, to proclaim liberty to captives, to set oppressed people free, to give new vision to the blind and announce the favor of the Lord!”	LK 4:18-19 / IS 61:1-2a
(I give thanks to you, O Lord, my soul rejoices in you! For, the people who lived in darkness have seen a great Light! And the burden on their shoulders you have taken away; and the rod of their oppressor, O Lord, you have smashed!)	IS 61:10a IS 9:1a(2a) IS 9:3(4)
“. . . and announce the favor of the Lord! The Lord's favor! The Lord's favor!”	LK 4:19

BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS

Matthew (MT) 4:24; 7:28b; 9:18,23-26,35; 11:28-30.
Mark (MK) 1:15,28,38-39; 6:54-56.
Luke (LK) 4:15,22,36,43; 6:17-19; 7:12-17,22; 8:1.
John (JN) 10:10b; 11:1-44; 12:47b; 15:11.

MK 1:38 / LK 4:43

Jesus said to his disciples:

**“Let us move on to the neighboring towns
so that I may proclaim the Good News there also;
for, that is why I have come.”**

LK 8:1
MK 1:15

**Jesus went preaching throughout the whole region:
“The Kingdom of God is at hand!
Change your life: Believe the Good News!**

**“Change your life:
Believe the Good News!
Believe the Good News!**

JN 12:47b

**“I haven’t come into the world to condemn the world;
I have come to save the world.
And I have come that you may have life
and have it in its fullness.
And I have spoken to give you my joy,
and make your joy complete!**

JN 10:10b

JN 15:11

MT 11:28-30

**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest for your souls.
Take my yoke upon your shoulders;
for, it’s so easy,
and my burden is so light!”**

LK 4:22

MT 7:28b

LK 4:15

MK 1:28

MT 9:35

LK 4:36 / MK 1:39

MK 6:54-56 / MT 4:24

LK 6:17-19

**People marveled at the words of Jesus.
They were deeply impressed by his teaching.
Everyone spoke highly of him and praised him,
and his fame spread far and wide.
And as he went preaching from town to town,
he cast out evil spirits;
and the people brought the sick to him;
and many others who were suffering with
various diseases and all kinds of complaints
came to him;
and he healed them all,
freeing them from their afflictions;
and he even restored to life
others who had died.**

MT 9:18,23-26 / LK 7:12-17
JN 11:1-44

LK 7:22

**The blind see, cripples walk,
lepers are cured, and the deaf hear!
The dead are raised to life!
The Good News is proclaimed to the poor!**

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Matthew (MT) 6:20-21; 13:34,44.
Luke (LK) 8:1; 11:9,11-13; 12:32.
John (JN) 3:16a; 16:13a,27a.

With his 12 chosen disciples Jesus continued making a tour of all the towns and villages; and he spoke to the crowds in parables . . . about the Kingdom—the reign of God.	LK 8:1 MT 13:34
“The kingdom of heaven,” he said, “is like hidden treasure which a man has found in a field; he hides it again, and with great joy goes and sells everything he owns, and buys that field!	MT 13:44
“Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where there are neither moths nor rust to destroy nor thieves to break in and steal. For, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.	MT 6:20-21
“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in an open field; a man finds it, and runs and sells everything he has, and he buys that field with great joy!	MT 13:44
“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you; for, the Father (Abba) loves you!	LK 11:9 JN 16:27a; 3:16a
“What father is there among you who would give his son a stone if he asked for bread? Or what father is there who would hand his son a snake if he asked for a fish? Or, a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If earthly fathers, with all their sins, know how to give their children good things, be assured that if you ask your heavenly Father, who is perfect, he will give you the Holy Spirit —the Spirit of Truth— to help you and guide you; for, the Father wants you to have the Kingdom.”	LK 11:11-13 JN 16:13a LK 12:32

“WHICH IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT?”

Leviticus (LV) 19:18b.
Deuteronomy (DT) 6:5.
Matthew (MT) 22:36,37,40.
Mark (MK) 12:28,30,31.
Luke (LK) 10:28b.

MK 12:28 **A scribe—one who is learned in the Law—
put this question to Jesus:**
MT 22:36 **“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment
in the whole Law?”**
MT 22:40 **And in answering him, Jesus said:
“There are two commandments
on which the whole Law depends
—and the Prophets as well.**
MT 22:37 / MK 12:30 **This is the first:
(DT 6:5) You must love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, with all your strength.**
MK 12:31 **And the other one is this:
(LV 19:18b) You must love your neighbor as yourself.**
LK 10:28b **There is no commandment greater than these two.
Keep them and you will have life!”**

BE COMPASSIONATE

Matthew (MT) 6:14; 7:1-2a,12.
Mark (MK) 4:24b.
Luke (LK) 6:36,37b.

LK 6:36 **Jesus said:
“Be compassionate
as your heavenly Father is compassionate.**
MT 7:1-2a **Do not judge and you will not be judged;
for, your judgments against others
will be the judgments against you.**
LK 6:37b **Do not condemn and you will not be condemned;
MT 6:14 for, if you forgive others their faults,
your heavenly Father will forgive you yours.**
MK 4:24b **What you measure out for others
will be measured out for you—and far more.**
MT 7:12 **In all things, therefore,
treat others as you would like them to treat you;
that is the meaning of the Law and the Prophets.”**

THE LAST JUDGMENT

Matthew (MT) 25:31-40,46b.

Jesus said:

MT 25:31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory as King,
all the nations—all the people of the world—
will be gathered before him. And they will be divided
into two groups—one on his left, the other on his right.
Then the King will say to those on his right:
‘Come! You have my Father’s blessing!
Inherit the Kingdom,
prepared for you since the creation of the world!’

“ ‘For, I was hungry and you gave me food.
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.
I was naked and you clothed me.
I was sick and you came to comfort me.
I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then these just ones will ask the King:
‘Lord, when did we ever see you in need,
and help you and care for you?’
Then the King will answer them:

“ ‘I assure you,
whenever you did this
for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did it for me!’

“And these just ones will enter eternal life!”

MT 25:46b

GOD IS LOVE

Matthew (MT) 6:32b-33.
John (JN) 13:35; 15:17.
1 John (1 JN) 2:10a; 4:7b,16b.

God is love,
and those who live in love—
they live in God, and God lives in them.

1 JN 4:16b

Everyone who loves
is born of God,
and knows God,
and walks in the Light.

1 JN 4:7b

1 JN 2:10a

“This is my commandment,
that you love each other.
By the way that you love each other,
everyone will know you’re my followers.”

JN 15:17

JN 13:35

“You have a Father in heaven.
He knows the things you need.
Just set your hearts on his kingdom of love,
and everything else will be given to you.”

MT 6:32b-33

OUR FATHER

Matthew (MT) 6:7-13
Luke (LK) 11:1b

LK 11:1b

One of the disciples said to Jesus:

“Teach us to pray.”

MT 6:7-13

**Jesus said: “When you pray,
there is no need to use many words.
Your Father knows what you need
before you ask him.
Pray like this—say:**

**“Our Father,
in heaven,**

hallowed be your name!

Your kingdom come!

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our offenses

just as we forgive those who have offended us.

**And, Father, save us from being tested,
and deliver us from evil.**

“So this is how you should pray.

Just say: Our Father”

I AM THE BREAD

Matthew (MT) 16:4a.
Luke (LK) 6:47; 12:29-31.
John (JN) 6:27a,30-31,32b-33,35a,47-51a,60,66-68; 8:51; 12:50a; 14:6a,23.

**A large crowd that had been following Jesus
said to him:**

JN 6:30-31

**“What sign will you perform for us
to make us believe in you?
Our ancestors had manna to eat
when they were in the desert;
as Scripture says,
‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”**

Jesus said:

MT 16:4a

**“It is an evil and faithless generation
that demands a sign.
You should not set your hearts
on food that does not last
but on food that will endure to eternal life.
My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.
For, the bread of God comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.
I am this bread. I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me—whoever believes in me
—whoever hears my words and keeps them—
will never be hungry.
And unlike the bread your ancestors ate,
I am the true bread from heaven
that one may eat and never die.
I myself am bread,
living bread come down from heaven.
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

JN 6:27a / LK 12:29-31

JN 6:32b-33

JN 6:35a, 47-51a
LK 6:47 / JN 8:51
JN 12:50a / JN 14:23

**“I am the bread that’s come down from heaven!
Whoever eats this bread will never die!”**

**But many of the people left him
and decided to stop following him;
for, they found his answer impossible to accept.
They wanted a sign.
And Jesus turned to his friends—the Twelve—
and said:
“Do you also want to go away from me?”
And Simon Peter spoke up:
“Lord, who else can we go to?
You have the words of eternal life!**

JN 6:60, 66-68

**“Lord, who else can we go to?
You have the words of eternal life!
Lord, who else can we go to?
You have the words of eternal life!”**

**“I am the bread that’s come down from heaven!
Whoever eats this bread will never die!
I am the way, the truth, and the life!
I am the life!”**

JN 6:51a

JN 14:6a

**“. . . You are the way, the truth, and the life!
You are the life!”**

LIVING WATER

John (JN) 4:10b,14; 7:2,37-39.

JN 7:2,37

**The great harvest festival
(the Feast of Tabernacles)
was being held
—with its celebration of water
And on the last day of this great festival,
Jesus stood up in the midst of it all
and cried out:**

JN 4:10b,14b

**“If anyone is thirsty,
let him come to me and drink!
I will give him living water
—water that will become within him
a lasting spring providing eternal life!”**

JN 7:38-39

**The living water Jesus was speaking of
was the Holy Spirit.
The outpouring and fullness of the Spirit
would come through the saving work of Jesus.
Indeed, from his own breast
would flow fountains of living water!**

JN 7:37
JN 4:10b, 14

**“You who are thirsty, come to me and drink!
I will give you living water!
If you come to me, if you come to me,
you’ll never thirst, you’ll never thirst,
you’ll never die!
Come to me and drink!
I’ll give you living water!
And you’ll have within you
a fountain of water giving you eternal life!
Oh yes—oh yes! Oh yes—oh yes!”**

I, THE LIGHT

Luke (LK) 6:47.
John (JN) 4:10b,14a; 6:30-32a,35,51; 7:37;
8:12,31-32,51; 12:46; 18:37b.

Jesus said:	JN 18:37b
“For this purpose I was born, for this reason I came into the world: to bear witness to the truth. Anyone who seeks the truth will hear my voice. If you live by my words, you will truly be my disciples; you will come to know the truth, and the truth will set you free.	JN 8:31-32
“I am the Light! And I, the Light, have come into the world so that whoever believes in me won’t have to walk in the dark anymore.	JN 8:12; 12:46
“You ask me to give you a sign, as in Moses’ day, when the people in the desert were hungry, and they found they had manna, bread from the sky. But I tell you, I myself am bread, bread come down from heaven! The bread that I give is myself, and whoever eats the bread I give will never die!	JN 6:30-32a JN 6:51
“To anyone who comes to me I’ll give Living Water! Whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst!	JN 7:37 JN 4:10b JN 4:14a
“Whoever hears my words and keeps them will never be hungry or thirsty again, and will never die!	LK 6:47 JN 6:35 JN 8:51
“. . . No, you won’t have to walk in the dark anymore!”	JN 12:46b; 8:12b

DO NOT BE AFRAID

(You Can Buy / All Who Have Left)

Matthew (MT) 10:24-25a, 28a; 16:24,25b; 19:27,29b.
Mark (MK) 8:35b; 10:28-30.
Luke (LK) 10:19; 12:4a,6-7; 21:17,18.
John (JN) 15:20b.

LK 21:17

Jesus said to his friends:

JN 15:20b

**“You will be hated because of me.
They will go against you
just as they have gone against me,
and they will keep your words
just as well as they have kept mine.**

MT 10:24-25a

**For, no servant is greater than his master.
The disciple is not superior to his teacher,
but the disciple is pleased
to become like his teacher.**

MT 16:24

**If anyone wants to be a disciple of mine, then,
let him deny himself,
and take up his cross
and follow me.**

MT 10:28a

**Do not be afraid of those who kill the body,
but cannot kill the soul.**

MK 8:35b / MT 16:25b

**Anyone who loses his life
on account of me and the Good News
will find his life.**

LK 12:4a, 6-7

“Do not be afraid, then.

**Are not five sparrows sold for only two pennies?
And yet, not even one sparrow is forgotten
in the sight of God.**

**So there is no need for you to ever be afraid of anything.
You are worth more than any number of sparrows.
Why, even the hairs of your head are all counted!**

**“You can buy five sparrows for only two pennies.
Yet not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God.
So there’s no need for you to ever be afraid at all.
You are worth so much more than any number of sparrows!
Even the hairs of your head are counted!
Even the hairs of your head are counted!
Every hair on your head is counted!”**

Peter said:
"Lord, we have left everything to follow you.
What are we to have?"

MK 10:28-30
MT 19:27,29b

Jesus said:
"I assure you, all who have left
house or father, brothers, sisters, children or property
because of me and because of the Good News
will be repaid many times over in this present life.
And they will have
houses and mothers, brothers, sisters, children and land
in spite of persecution;
and they will have eternal life in the world to come.

"All who have left house or parents,
brothers or sisters or land
for my sake and the sake of the Good News
will be repaid many times over in this present life:
they'll have houses and mothers
and sisters and brothers and land.
And in spite of persecution they will always be safe.
Not a hair of their heads will be harmed.
And they'll have eternal life,
And they'll have eternal life,
eternal life,
eternal life!"

LK 10:19
LK 21:18
MT 19:29b

COME TO ME

Matthew (MT) 11:28-30.
John (JN) 8:51; 14:6a.

"If you keep my words, you will live.
For, I am the way, the truth, and the life!
Come to me,
all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest for your souls.
Learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.
Take my yoke upon you for it's so easy,
and my burden is light!"

JN 8:51
JN 14:6a
MT 11:28-30

THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT

(The Scribes And Pharisees)

Isaiah (IS) 29:13.
Matthew (MT) 9:13a; 12:1-7,23-24,30a; 15:1-2a,3,14b;
16:6,12; 23:1-5a,13,23a,24a.
Mark (MK) 2:23-28; 7:6-9,13.
Luke (LK) 6:7; 11:46; 12:1b; 15:2; 22:26b.
John (JN) 8:3,6a; 15:12,17.

LK 6:7 / JN 8:3, 6a
MT 12:23-24, 30a

**The scribes and Pharisees
—religious leaders among the people—
were against Jesus
and were trying to discredit him.
They complained against him and murmured,
“This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.”
And they said to him: “Why do your disciples
break the tradition of the elders?”
Jesus answered: “And why do you
break the commandment of God
for the sake of your tradition?
Go and learn what these words of Scripture mean:
‘Mercy is what I desire, not sacrifice.’
If you understood the meaning of those words,
you would not condemn the innocent!**

MT 23:23a, 24a

MK 7:6-9,13
(IS 29:13)

**“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees
—blind guides and hypocrites!
You are the ones Isaiah was speaking of
when he prophesized:
‘The Lord God says:
This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
They offer me worship that means nothing,
teaching as doctrine
precepts that are made up by men.’
For, you greatly concern yourselves
with your human traditions
while you disregard the commandment of God!
Very skillfully, you put aside the commandment of God
in order to uphold your traditions.
Clinging to your teachings and practices,
you make the word of God null and void;
For, you lay oppressive burdens on people
and you shut up the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces
—not entering yourselves
and keeping out those who are trying to enter!”**

LK 11:46a / MT 23:4a
MT 23:13

MT 16:6, 12

LK 12:1b
MT 15:14b

**Jesus said to his disciples:
“Keep your eyes open and be on guard against
the teaching of the scribes and Pharisees (and Sadducees)
—and their hypocrisy.
They are blind men leading the blind;
and if one blind man leads another,
both will fall into a pit!**

**“The scribes and Pharisees sit upon the Chair of Moses,
and you do and observe the things that they say.
But do not be guided by all they say and do;
for, they go against the word of God while they preserve it.
They hand down restrictions that are needless and oppressive,
laying heavy burdens on people’s shoulders.
And not with one finger would they try to lift them.
Their only concern is their own attention.**

MT 23:1-3a

MK 7:6-9,13
MT 16:6,12; 23:3b

(MT 12:1-7)
LK 11:46 / MT 23:4-5a

**“But
this is
my
commandment,
that you
love
one another.**

JN 15:17

**And the greatest of you is the one who makes himself
a servant,
and is most like a child.**

LK 22:26b

**And
this is
my
commandment,
that you
love
one another,
as
I
have
loved
you.”**

JN 15:12

JESUS BEGAN TO TELL HIS DISCIPLES

Jeremiah (JR) 1:17-19.
Matthew (MT) 12:14; 16:1a,21; 22:15-16a.
Mark (MK) 3:6; 11:18.
Luke (LK) 6:11; 11:53-54; 19:48; 20:19a,20.
John (JN) 11:47,53.

LK 6:11 / MT 12:14; 16:1a
LK 20:19a / JN 11:53

LK 19:48 / MK 11:18

MT 16:1a / JN 11:47
MK 3:6 / MT 22:16a

MT 22:15 / LK 11:53-54
LK 20:20 / JN 11:53

MT 16:21

JR 1:17-19

**The scribes and Pharisees were furious;
they and the chief priests (Sadducees)
wanted to do away with Jesus immediately,
but they were afraid of him
because the people were so greatly impressed
by his teaching.
So the Pharisees and scribes
met with the chief priests,
and also with the Herodians,
to plot against Jesus.
Together, they began looking for a way
to trap him in his words,
to establish some charge against him,
and to destroy him.**

**Jesus began to tell his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem,
and endure much suffering
at the hands of
the elders, the chief priests and scribes;
and to be put to death,
but raised up on the third day.**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:
The Lord God says,
“Stand up and tell them
all that I command you.
Do not be crushed on account of them;
for, this day I make you strong,
like a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
a wall of bronze against the whole land
—against the land’s kings and princes,
against its priests and people.
They will fight against you,
but they will not prevail over you;
for, I am with you to deliver you,”
says the Lord!**

UNLESS THE GRAIN OF WHEAT

John (JN) 12:23-24,27-28a,31-32.

**“Unless the grain of wheat
falls to the earth and dies,
it remains a single grain of wheat.
But if it dies,
it bears much fruit.
It bears much fruit
if it dies.**

JN 12:24

**“My soul is troubled now.
And what shall I say—
‘Father, save me from this hour’?
But this is why I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!**

JN 12:27-28a

**“The hour has come. The hour has come,
for the Son of Man to be glorified!
Now is the time of judgment for this world.
Now this world's prince will be cast out!
And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw everyone to myself!”**

JN 12:23

JN 12:31-32

TAKE THIS

(The Last Supper)

Matthew (MT) 26:26-28a.
Mark (MK) 14:24-25.
Luke (LK) 22:14-16,19-20a.
John (JN) 15:4a,5a,9b-10a,13; 17:20-23.

- JN 15:4a **Jesus said to his friends,**
JN 15:9b-10a **“Live in me, as I live in you:
remain in my love.
You will remain in my love
if you do what I command you.**
JN 15:5a **I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever lives in me, as I in him,
will bear much fruit.”**
- JN 17:20-23 **Jesus prayed:
“Father, I pray not only for my disciples
who are with me now
but also for all those who will believe in me
through their word.
I pray that they all may be one as we are one,
as you are in me and I am in you.
May they be one in us—I in them and you in me.
Father, may they be so perfectly one
that the world will know that you sent me
and that you love them
as you love me.”**
- LK 22:14-16 **Jesus took his place at the table with his apostles:

“I have longed to eat this Passover meal with you.
I know I’ll never eat it again
until the day when it’s fulfilled in the kingdom of God!”**
- MT 26:26-28a
MK 14:24-25 **He blessed and broke the bread:

“Take this and eat.
This is my body.”**
- He blessed the cup of wine:

“Take this and drink.
This is my blood to be poured out for many.
I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine
until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.**
- JN 15:13 **“Greater love than this no man has,
that he lay down his life for his friends.**
- LK 22:19-20a **“Take this and eat; take this and drink.
Do this in memory of me.”**

GREATER LOVE THAN THIS

Matthew (MT) 25:31-40,46b.
John (JN) 13:33-34a,35; 14:1-3,15-17,18b,23,26;
15:13,15b,17; 16:5a,6,13a,22.
Revelation (RV) 21:4.

**“Greater love than this no man has,
Greater love than this no man has,
that he lay down his life,
lay down his life
for his friends,
for his friends.**

JN 15:13

**“I have to go and leave you now,
but though I go, I go to prepare a place for you.
In my Father’s house there are many mansions,
and I go to prepare a place for you.
But because I told you I’m leaving,
now you feel sad;
but have faith in God and trust me still,
I’m coming back!
And I’ll make you glad,
and give you a joy
that no one can ever take from you!”**

JN 13:33
JN 14:2-3a

JN 16:5a,6,22a

JN 14:1
JN 14:18b; 16:22b

**“A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another.
By the way that you love each other,
everyone will know that you’re my followers.
And you are my friends; yes, you are my friends;
for, I’ve told you everything the Father revealed to me.**

JN 13:34a, 35

JN 15:15b

**“And if you keep my words and love each other,
the Father and I will live in you!
And the Spirit of Truth will be your helper,
guiding you in everything you do!
And when I come back,
I’ll wipe away every tear,
and call everyone who loves his brothers and sisters
into the Father’s eternal kingdom of everlasting love!”**

JN 15:17; 14:23

JN 14:15-17,26; 16:13a

JN 14:3; 16:22b
RV 21:4
MT 25:31-40,46b

THE DEATH OF JESUS

(Psalm 22)

Psalms (PS) 22:1(2),4(5),7-8(8-9),10-11(11-12),15c-20(16c-21),
22-24(23-25),27(28),30-31(31-32).
Matthew (MT) 20:18-19; 26:39,50-57,59,63-66;
27:1-2,14,35,39-43,50,59-60.
Mark (MK) 14:33-36; 15:1,15b,24a,33-34,44-45.
Luke (LK) 20:20b; 22:4-6,39,42; 23:1-2,10-11,24,33-34a,46.
John (JN) 18:1-8; 19:1-3,17,25a,26-27a,30-34.

JN 18:1 / LK 22:39

LK 22:4-6 / LK 20:20b
MT 26:59 / MT 20:18-19
MK 15:1 / MT 27:1-2

JN 18:2-3

**Jesus and his friends left the supper room
and went to a garden at the Mount of Olives.
The chief priests and elders and scribes
had made plans to arrest Jesus
and have him put to death by the civil authorities,
and they were sending soldiers with his betrayer
to apprehend him.**

MK 14:33-36

MT 26:39

LK 22:42

JN 18:3-8

**Jesus, filled with sorrow and distress,
prayed in the garden:
"Father (Abba),
if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;
yet not my will, rather your will be done."**

MT 26:50-57; 27:14
MT 26:63-66; 27:1-2
LK 23:1-2,24 / MK 15:15b

LK 23:10-11 / JN 19:1-3

JN 19:17 / MK 15:24a

LK 23:33-34a

**When the soldiers came with his betrayer
to arrest him,
Jesus stood and met them;
and, like a lamb led to the slaughter,
he was taken and sentenced to die.**

**Jesus suffered greatly as he endured
being scourged, crowned with thorns and mocked,
and the carrying of his cross to his crucifixion.
With his hands (i.e., wrists) and feet
nailed to the wood of the cross,
Jesus was lifted up.**

MT 27:39-43

MT 27:35

JN 19:25a, 26-27a

**As he hung from the cross in agony,
he prayed:
"Father, forgive them;
for, they do not know what they are doing."
And the people, with the chief priests
and the elders and scribes,
made fun of him and mocked him.
And the soldiers divided his clothes
among themselves, casting lots.**

**But his mother and the disciple he loved
stood near him at the foot of the cross.
And Jesus looked at them,
and said to his mother:
"He is your Son."
And to John, the disciple he loved:
"She is your Mother."**

Darkness had come over the earth.
And Jesus cried out:

MK 15:33-34
PS 22:1 (2)

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”
(Why are you so far from helping me,
so far from my cry?)

All who see me shake their heads saying,
“He trusted in the Lord.
Let the Lord rescue him,
if he delights in him.”

PS 22:7-8 (8-9)

Be not far from me, O Lord, for trouble is here
and there is no one to help me.

PS 22:11 (12)

I am surrounded by a gang of evildoers
staring at me.

PS 22:16-18 (17-19)

They have pierced my hands and feet.
They divide my clothes, casting lots for them.
And I am brought to the dust of death.

PS 22:15c (16e)

But be not far from me, O Lord.

PS 22:19-20 (20-21)

O my Strength, hasten to help me
and rescue my soul.

Our fathers trusted in you, O Holy One,
and you always saved them.

PS 22:4 (5)

And from my mother's womb, you have been my God,
always with me.

PS 22:10 (11)

And I will praise you
in the midst of the assembly.

PS 22:22-24 (23-25)

All you descendants of Israel,
revere the Lord and praise him!

For, he has not hidden his face
from the afflicted man who cried out,
but has heard and answered him!

All the ends of the earth shall remember this
and turn to the Lord;

PS 22:27 (28)

for, this shall be proclaimed
to the coming generation;

PS 22:30-31 (31-32)

and they shall tell a people yet to be born
all that the Lord has done!

Jesus cried out again in a loud voice:

MT 27:50

“It is finished!

JN 19:30

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”

LK 23:46

And with that,

Jesus died.

To be certain that Jesus was dead,
the centurion pierced him in the side with a lance,
and immediately there flowed out blood
. . . and water.

JN 19:31-34 / MK 15:44-45

The body of Jesus was taken down from the cross
and wrapped in a clean shroud
and placed in a new tomb;
and then a large stone
was rolled against the entrance to the tomb.

MT 27:59-60

HE IS RISEN!

Luke (LK) 24:1-8.

LK 24:1-8

**On the first day of the week
when the women came to the tomb at dawn
and saw that the body of Jesus was not there,
two men in dazzling garments
appeared at their side
and said to them:**

**“Why look among the dead
for one who is alive?
He is risen
from the dead!
Just as he said!
Alleluia!
Praise God!
He is risen!”**

“HE IS RISEN!”

ALLELUIA!

Psalms (PS) (117:2c)118:1,2,17,22-24.
Mark (MK) 12:10-11.

PS 118:1(117:2c)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PS 118:17

**Give thanks to the Lord
for, he is good,
and his love endures forever!
I shall not die but live
and proclaim the works of the Lord!**

PS 118:24

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let all the earth rejoice!**

PS 118:2

**Let the house of Israel say:
his love endures forever!**

PS 118:22-23
(MK 12:10-11)

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the keystone!
This has been done by the Lord;
it is wonderful in our eyes!**

RESURRECTION APPEARANCES, FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

Matthew (MT) 7:16a,17,20; 10:16;
24:6b,11,14,24a,26-27,36,44; 25:13.
Mark (MK) 13:5-6,10,33; 16:15,20.
Luke (LK) 21:8; 24:26-27,33-46,49-51.
John (JN) 13:35; 15:12,17; 20:21; 21:9-14.
Acts (AC) 1:3-5,7-12; 10:41.

**After rising from the dead,
Jesus showed himself to his disciples.
He cooked for them,
and he ate in their presence.
And he told them:
“Touch me and see, it is really I!
Ghosts do not have flesh and bones.
As you can plainly see, I do!”**

LK 24:33-43 / AC 1:3
JN 21:9-14 / AC 10:41

**Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
and he said to them:
“It is written that the Christ would suffer
and on the third day rise from the dead.
Everything written about me
in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms
had to be fulfilled.**

LK 24:45-46
(LK 24:26-27)

LK 24:44

**“And now you must wait to be clothed
with the power of the Holy Spirit.
And then you must go out to all the world
and proclaim the Good News.
I am sending you just as the Father sent me.
For, the Good News must first be proclaimed
to the whole world
as a testimony to all the nations;
and then the end will come.
But see that no one deceives you.
For, many will come assuming my name
and saying: ‘I am He’
and ‘Now the time is at hand’.
But no one knows the day or the hour
except the Father.
So if they say to you:
‘Look! The Christ is there in the desert!’
or ‘He is here in this inner room!’,
don’t believe it.
For, the coming of the Son of Man will be
like a flash of lightning from the east to the west.
Yet until the end comes,
false christs and false prophets will arise
showing signs and wonders;
and they will lead many astray.**

LK 24:49 / AC 1:4-5,8

MK 16:15

JN 20:21 / MT 10:16
MK 13:10 / MT 24:14

LK 21:8

MT 24:36,44 / AC 1:7
MK 13:33 / MT 25:13

MT 24:26-27

MT 24:6b,11,24a

MK 13:5-6
MT 7:16a,17,20

**“But don’t let anyone mislead you.
Just as you know a good tree by its good fruit
and a bad tree by its bad fruit,
so you will know them by the fruit that they bear.**

JN 13:35

**“By their fruits you will know them,
by their fruits you will know them,
by their fruits!**

**By this
will everyone know
that you are my followers,
that you
love one another;**

JN 15:12,17

**for,
this is my commandment,
that you
love one another,
as I have loved you.”**

LK 24:50-51

**After Jesus finished telling his disciples
all that he had to say to them,
he led them out as far as Bethany,
and raising his hands, he blessed them;
and as he blessed them,
he was lifted up before their eyes.
He ascended,
and left their sight, in a cloud.**

AC 1:9-11

**While the disciples stood there,
still gazing up,
two men, clothed in white,
appeared at their side and said to them:
“Men of Galilee, why are you standing here
looking up at the sky?
Jesus, whom you have watched ascending,
has gone to heaven;
and just as surely as you have seen him go,
so this very same Jesus will come again!”**

AC 1:4-5,8,12

**The disciples then went back to Jerusalem
to wait to receive the power of the Holy Spirit,
and then to proclaim the Good News everywhere!**

MK 16:15,20

EVERYWHERE THERE'S LOVE

(On All This Holy Mountain)

Genesis (GN) 9:13-16.
Isaiah (IS) 2:2-5; 11:6-9; 25:6-10a; 32:15-18,20; 60:18.
Jeremiah (JR) 31:12-13.
Hosea (HO) 2:20-22(18-20).
Micah (MI) 4:4.
1 John (1 JN) 4:16b.
Revelation (RV) 4:3; 21:1,3-4.

**I see the lamb and the wolf
lying down together;
and the cow and the bear and the tiger
walking side by side.
And I see the little children
playing 'round the cobra's home;
and the fox, the lion and the panther
are eating hay with the ox!**

IS 11:6-8

**And everywhere there's love
and there's a rainbow high above!
There's happiness and peace,
and all dying has ceased!**

IS 11:9a; 2:2-5 / MI 4:4
1 JN 4:16b / RV 21:3
RV 4:3 / (GN 9:13-16)
RV 21:1,3-4 / JR 31:12-13
IS 25:6-10a

**They do no harm, no hurt,
on all this holy mountain;
for, the land is filled
with knowledge of the Lord
as water fills the sea!**

IS 11:9

**All the people love to love
and care for one another.
And the dove and the hawk fly together,
singing songs through the trees.
And the rabbit and the weasel have fun,
rolling down the grassy hill.
And the leopard and the deer sleep together,
and dance in the morning sun!**

(Based on
the general theme of:
IS 11:6-9 and also
HO 2:20-22 (18-20)
IS 32:15-18,20; 60:18
and the other
scriptural references
listed above)

NOW I AM MAKING ALL CREATION NEW! (Come, Lord Jesus!)

Revelation (RV) 20:11a; 21:1-6; 22:7,16-17,20.

RV 22:16; 21:6a; 20:11a
RV 21:1-5

**When Jesus has come again in glory,
then God will live among the people of the earth.
They shall be his people,
and he will be their God,
always with them.
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes;
and there will be no more death,
and no more sadness, nor crying, nor pain.
The One who sits upon the throne speaks;
He is making everything new:**

RV 22:7,20a
RV 22:17a
RV 21:6b

**“Now I am making all creation new!
Everything I say is certain and will come true!
Very soon, I am coming again.
Let everyone who hears answer, ‘Come!’
To anyone who’s thirsty
I will freely give the water of life!”**

RV 22:17, 20b

**Let all who are thirsty come!
All who want the water of life may have it free!
Let all who hear answer,
“Come! Lord Jesus, Come!”**

**Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Come!**

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