

**1. Matthew 5:1-12a**

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew**

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.  
He began to teach them, saying:  
“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**2. Matthew 11:25-30**

*Come to me ... and I will give you rest.*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew**

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus,

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for although you have hidden these things  
from the wise and the learned  
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,  
and no one knows the Father except the Son  
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for your selves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**3. Luke 23: 44-46, 50, 52-53**

*Father, I put my life in your hands.*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council,

He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**4. Luke 24: 13-16, 28-35**

*Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into His glory?*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke**

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles\* from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**5. John 6:37-40**

*All who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the crowd:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,  
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,  
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will  
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,  
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,  
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,  
that everyone who sees the Son  
and believes in him may have eternal life,  
and I shall raise him on the last day.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**6. *John 11:21-27 (short version)***  
*I am the resurrection and the life.*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here,  
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,  
God will give you.”

Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him,

“I know he will rise,  
in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her,

“I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God,  
the one who is coming into the world.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**7. *John 12:23-26 (short version)***

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

Jesus told his disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,

unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat;

but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,

and whoever hates his life in this world

will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,

and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**8. John 14:1-6**

*There are many rooms in my Father's house.*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare  
a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,  
so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

“Master, we do not know where you are going;  
how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him,

“I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



**9. John 17:24-26**

*Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am.*

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**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

“Father, they are your gift to me.

I wish that where I am they also may be with me,

that they may see my glory that you gave me,

because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father,

the world also does not know you,

but I know you,

and they know that you sent me.

I made known to them your name

and I will make it known,

that the love with which you loved me may be in them

and I in them.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*10 Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7*

*There will be no more death.*

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## **A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people  
and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes,

and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,  
for the old order has passed away.”

The one who sat on the throne said,

“Behold, I make all things new.

I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give a gift  
from the spring of life-giving water.

The victor will inherit these gifts,  
and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

**The Word of the Lord.**