

### **John 1:1-14**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **Matthew 28:1-8**

(ESV)

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

- 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.
- 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you."
- 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

### Psalm 139

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.
- 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.
- 19 Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!
- 20 They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain.

- 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- 22 I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
- 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

**Psalms 34:1-8**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!