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“In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that  
the word of the Lord by the mouth of  
Jeremiah might be fulfilled...”

Ezra 1:1a

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“The heart is deceitful above all things, and  
desperately sick...”

Jeremiah 17:9

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“for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living waters,  
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,  
broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

Jeremiah 2:13






“So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water.”

John 4:5-6





"Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"

John 4:13-14





“So the woman left her water jar...”

John 4:28a

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“The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply”

Psalm 16:4

Lord God this is a clear and merciful warning: those who serve other gods bring dishonor to you and sorrow to themselves. We are sorry and ashamed to admit that this often describes us. You are more generous and kind than our wildest imaginations, and yet we so easily go astray in our hearts.





We confess to our shame that our hearts are prone to wander, chasing gods of achievement, approval, image, pleasure, control, and a thousand other things. How foolish, how unfaithful, how crooked we are.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Remember that we are dust and show compassion on those who fear you. Forgive us of our sins. We repent and turn away from them.”

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“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

Mark 1:1


“John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.”

Mark 1:4

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Mark 1:9






**“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. **And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”****

Jeremiah 23:5-6; see also 33:14-16






“For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:10-11






**“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:  
**I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Jeremiah 31:31-34






“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Matthew 13:44






"Lord God, we glorify you and praise you for the glory of your grace in Christ — you have chosen us, drawn us to Christ, forgiven our sins for his sake, made us alive in him, and promised us eternal life. Your steadfast love endures forever. Help us to love you with all our hearts."

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"Lord Jesus, you have paid the bride-price with your own precious blood. You satisfy us with your love. You open our eyes to the beauty of your majesty. You conquered our dark desires and destroyed death itself. All praise to you, Lord Jesus, perfect image of the Father, beautiful Savior, and coming King."

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"Holy Spirit, together with the Father and the Son you are truly God — Lord and giver of life, Comforter, counselor, advocate, and Helper. You are life to our souls and healing to our flesh through the Word. You inspire, illuminate, and apply the Scriptures to our lives. You reveal Jesus and bring us to the Father through him. May we never grieve you, always honor you, and respond quickly to your influence.

We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen."

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