

## Isaiah 65:17-25

“I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The things that have happened before will not be remembered.

They will not even enter your minds.

<sup>18</sup> So be glad and full of joy forever  
because of what I will create.

I will cause others to take delight in Jerusalem.

They will be filled with joy

when they see its people.

<sup>19</sup> And I will be full of joy because of Jerusalem.

I will take delight in my people.

Weeping and crying

will not be heard there anymore.

<sup>20</sup> “Babies in Jerusalem will no longer  
live only a few days.

Old people will not fail

to live for a very long time.

Those who live to the age of 100

will be thought of as mere children when they die.

Those who die before they are 100

will be considered as having been under God’s curse.

<sup>21</sup> My people will build houses and live in them.

They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> They will no longer build houses  
only to have others live in them.

They will no longer plant crops

only to have others eat them.

My people will live to be as old as trees.

My chosen ones will enjoy for a long time

the things they have worked for.

<sup>23</sup> Their work will not be worthless anymore.

They will not have children who are sure to face sudden terror.

Instead, I will bless them.

I will also bless their children after them.

<sup>24</sup> Even before they call out to me, I will answer them.

While they are still speaking, I will hear them.

<sup>25</sup> Wolves and lambs will eat together.

Lions will eat straw like oxen.

Serpents will eat nothing but dust.

None of those animals will harm or destroy

anything or anyone on my holy mountain of Zion,”  
says the LORD.

### **John 20:1-2, 11-18**

Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. It was still dark. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she ran to Simon Peter and another disciple, the one Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb! We don’t know where they have put him!”

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she cried, she bent over to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> She saw two angels dressed in white. They were seated where Jesus’ body had been. One of them was where Jesus’ head had been laid. The other sat where his feet had been placed.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said. “I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup> Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn’t realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”

She thought he was the gardener. So she said, “Sir, did you carry him away? Tell me where you put him. Then I will go and get him.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him. Then she cried out in the Aramaic language, “*Rabboni!*” Rabboni means Teacher.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me. I have not yet ascended to the Father. Instead, go to those who believe in me. Tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news. She said, “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.