

## Isaiah 44

“But now listen, Jacob, my servant,  
Israel, whom I have chosen.

<sup>2</sup>This is what the LORD says—  
he who made you, who formed you in the womb,  
and who will help you:

Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant,  
Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

<sup>3</sup>For I will pour water on the thirsty land,  
and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,  
and my blessing on your descendants.

<sup>4</sup>They will spring up like grass in a meadow,  
like poplar trees by flowing streams.

<sup>5</sup>Some will say, ‘I belong to the LORD’;  
others will call themselves by the name of Jacob;  
still others will write on their hand, ‘The LORD’s,’  
and will take the name Israel.

<sup>6</sup>“This is what the LORD says—  
Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
apart from me there is no God.

<sup>7</sup>Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
Let him declare and lay out before me  
what has happened since I established my ancient people,  
and what is yet to come—  
yes, let them foretell what will come.

<sup>8</sup>Do not tremble, do not be afraid.  
Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?  
You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?  
No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

## Romans 8

<sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

## John 17

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I

gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.