**Psalm 16**

**A *miktam*[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14094a)**] of David.**

**1**Keep me safe, my God,  
    for in you I take refuge.

**2**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
    apart from you I have no good thing.”  
**3**I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
    “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”  
**4**Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
    I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
    or take up their names on my lips.

**5**Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
    you make my lot secure.  
**6**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
    surely I have a delightful inheritance.  
**7**I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
    even at night my heart instructs me.  
**8**I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
    With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**9**Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
    my body also will rest secure,  
**10**because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
    nor will you let your faithful[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14103b)] one see decay.  
**11**You make known to me the path of life;  
    you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
    with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9**

**6**On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare  
    a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
    the best of meats and the finest of wines.  
**7**On this mountain he will destroy  
    the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;  
**8**    he will swallow up death forever.  
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears  
    from all faces;  
he will remove his people’s disgrace  
    from all the earth.  
The Lord has spoken.

**9**In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;  
    we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;  
    let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

**New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**The Resurrection of Christ**

**15**Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. **2**By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

**3**For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+15&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28722a)]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4**that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5**and that he appeared to Cephas,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+15&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28724b)] and then to the Twelve. **6**After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **7**Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, **8**and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

**9**For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10**But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. **11**Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

**Gospel Reading - John 20:1-18**

**The Empty Tomb**

**20**Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2**So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

**3**So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4**Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5**He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **6**Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7**as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. **8**Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **9**(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) **10**Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

**Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

**11**Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12**and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

**13**They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” **14**At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

**15**He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

**16**Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

**17**Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

**18**Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.