

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will dwell in hope.

²⁷For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades,
nor let thy Holy One see corruption.

²⁸Thou hast made known to me the ways of life;
thou wilt make me full of gladness with thy presence.’

²⁹“Brethren, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

1 Peter 1:3–9 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God’s power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, **7** so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. **9** As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

Psalm 16 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

16 Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "Thou art my Lord;
I have no good apart from thee."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their libations of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
thou holdest my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For thou dost not give me up to Sheol,
or let thy godly one see the Pit.

¹¹ Thou dost show me the path of life;
in thy presence there is fulness of joy,
in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

John 20:19-31 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be

faithless, but believing.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.