

## Isaiah 40:3-11 New International Version

- 3** A voice of one calling:  
"In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the LORD<sup>[a]</sup>;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.<sup>[b]</sup>
- 4** Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.
- 5** And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
- 6** A voice says, "Cry out."  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
- "All people are like grass,  
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.
- 7** The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.  
Surely the people are grass.
- 8** The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures forever."
- 9** You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,<sup>[c]</sup>  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid;  
say to the towns of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"
- 10** See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.  
See, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense accompanies him.
- 11** He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;  
he gently leads those that have young.

### Footnotes

- a. [Isaiah 40:3](#) Or *A voice of one calling in the wilderness: / "Prepare the way for the LORD*
- b. [Isaiah 40:3](#) Hebrew; Septuagint *make straight the paths of our God*
- c. [Isaiah 40:9](#) Or *Zion, bringer of good news, / go up on a high mountain. / Jerusalem, bringer of good news*

## John 1:1-5 New International Version

### The Word Became Flesh

- 1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning.  
**3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome<sup>[a]</sup> it.

### Footnotes

- a. [John 1:5](#) Or *understood*

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