

Psalm 48:1-3, 9-14

1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, **2** beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. **3** Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense. **9** We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. **10** Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. **11** Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments. **12** Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, **13** consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation **14** that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

Ezekiel 2:1-5

1 He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. **2** And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. **3** He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. **4** The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." **5** Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Mark 6:1-6a

1 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. **2** On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. **4** Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." **5** And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. **6** And he was amazed at their unbelief.