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"Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught." Luke 1:1-4

"Look how the whole world has gone after him!" John 12:19b

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34b

"16 The soldiers took charge of Jesus. 17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the skull. 18 And here they crucified him with two others, one on each side and Jesus in the middle." John 19:16b -18

"'26 Mother, here is your son,' 27 and to the disciple 'Here is your mother.'" John 19:26-27

"It is finished." John 19:30

"The man who saw it, has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth and he testifies so that you also may believe." John 19:35

"Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. ... With Pilate's permission, he came, and took the body away." John 19:38

"39 Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. 40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. 41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. 42 Because it was the Jewish day of preparation, and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there." John 19:39b-42

"'2 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 he went straight into the tomb. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed." John 20:2b-6. 8

"'8 Lord, just show us the Father and that will be enough for us'. 9 'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.'" John 14:8b-9b

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God." John 1:1

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14a

"24 Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it to my side. Stop doubting and believe.' 28 Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.''' John 20:24-29

"30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have life in His name. John 20-31-31

"For God so loved the whole world, that He gave us His only Son, that whoever believes in him would not perish but have eternal life". John 3:16