

## **Isaiah 43:15-25**

**15** I am the LORD, your Holy One,  
Israel's Creator, your King.'

**16** This is what the LORD says –  
he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,  
**17** who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

**18** 'Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
**19** See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.

**20** The wild animals honour me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
**21** the people I formed for myself  
that they may proclaim my praise.

**22** 'Yet you have not called on me, Jacob,  
you have not wearied yourselves for<sup>al</sup> me, Israel.

**23** You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings,  
nor honoured me with your sacrifices.

I have not burdened you with grain offerings  
nor wearied you with demands for incense.

**24** You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me,  
or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices.

But you have burdened me with your sins  
and wearied me with your offences.

<sup>25</sup> 'I, even I, am he who blots out  
your transgressions, for my own sake,  
and remembers your sins no more.

## John 8:12-20

### **Dispute over Jesus' testimony**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

<sup>13</sup> The Pharisees challenged him, 'Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.'

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, 'Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. <sup>16</sup> But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. <sup>18</sup> I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.'

<sup>19</sup> Then they asked him, 'Where is your father?'

'You do not know me or my Father,' Jesus replied. 'If you knew me, you would know my Father also.' <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

