### Scripture Reading

#### **Isaiah 52:7-12 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" <sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. <sup>9</sup> Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. <sup>11</sup> Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

#### **Ezekiel 10:3-4 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner court. <sup>4</sup> Then the glory of the LORD rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the LORD.

#### **Ezekiel 10:18-19 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> Then the glory of the LORD departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim. <sup>19</sup> While I watched, the cherubim spread their wings and rose from the ground, and as they went, the wheels went with them. They stopped at the entrance to the east gate of the LORD's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.

### **Ezekiel 11:23 (NIV)**

- <sup>23</sup> The glory of the LORD went up from within the city and stopped above the mountain east of it.
- 1. What will it look like when God comes back?

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#### Malachi 3:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

#### 2. Jesus embodies heaven and earth

#### **Isaiah 52:10 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

#### John 1:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

## John 1:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## John 2:19-22 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." <sup>20</sup> The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

## 3. The portable presence of the Lord

#### **Isaiah 52:11 (NIV)**

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# **Ephesians 2:19-21 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.