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1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

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1Co 10:1-4 I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Mk 6:42-44 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

Mk 1:15 "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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He 1:1-2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

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