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 - D. Into Samaria Making an unusual trip; a woman to come to the well; hearts to be prepared for Messiah
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 - F. His resurrection and ascension departure
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