

**Biblical Texts for  
Friends of Carmel Prayer Group:  
Interior Castle**

Here are some texts that could help us along the way. The list is of course not exhaustive. We can always add to it and certainly will during group discussions of the proposed texts.

**1/ John 1: 35-51** The experience of the **first Disciples** to follow Christ: “**We found Him**”, but we still need to seek Him...

**2/ John 20:1... 11-18: Mary Magdalene** at the **tomb**. Jesus does not allow Himself to be **taken hostage**. He only allows Himself to found if we always **seek Him**; and in the end, He sends us out to be ‘**apostles of the apostles**.’

**3/ Mt. 13: 44-46:** The **treasure** hidden in the garden and the **seeking** of the **fine pearls**. Strange business: to find what is hidden we must hide ourselves and hide Him even more (see John of the Cross)

**4/ Mark 10: 17-22:** The **Rich Young Ruler**; he looks at Jesus. Sell all you own and give the proceeds to the poor to have ‘**a treasure in heaven**.’

**5/ Gen. 28: 10-22: Jacob’s dream-** ‘**Yahweh was in this place and I didn’t know it...**’ It is nothing less than a house of God and the door to heaven.

**6/ Gen 32: 23-32: Jacob’s struggle with ‘someone;’** Whoever meets God is marked by this meeting—**Jacob limps**.

**7/ John 11:1-11:** In the Father’s house there are **many rooms**. Jesus went there to prepare us a place there.

**8/ 1 Kings 17-19: Elijah’s cycle:** the different experience of the prophet: his **zeal** for the **Lord**; his **listening** to the **voice** of the **Lord**; ‘**the gentle breeze**;’ the **long road** to the **mountain** of the **Lord**; the road back (‘**returning by the same road**’).

**9/ John 12: 1-8:** The **anointing** of Bethany. Bethany, the place where Jesus found Himself at home, welcomed; **prepare a place for Him, make Him a meal**.

**10/ John 12: 20-26:** ‘We want to see Jesus.’

**11/ Luke 19: 1-10: Zacheus:** ‘**Hurry up and come down...today I will remain with you; today salvation has come to this house...**’

**12/ John 4: 1-42:** Jesus and the Samaritain woman; ‘**the well is deep**.’