

The Word with God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God.

What Came through the Word

³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John Announces the Word

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The Word Enters the World

⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

The Word and His Own People

¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

The Word Is Accepted

¹² But to all who received him,

The Word's Gift

he gave power to become children of God,

--who believed in his name,

¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ")

¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.