

1 In the beginning was the Word,

1 In the beginning the Word already existed.

and the Word was with God,

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and the Word was God.

2 He existed in the beginning with God.

*3 God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except
through him.*

4 In him was life, and that life was the light
of all mankind.

his life brought light to everyone.

5 The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

and the darkness can never extinguish it.^[b]

6 God sent a man, John the Baptist,^[c] **7**

to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony.

8 John himself was not the light;

he was simply a witness to tell about the light.

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

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10 He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.

11 *He came to his own people,*

1 **1** He came to his own people,

and even they rejected him.

12 Yet to all who did receive him,

2 But to all who believed him and accepted him,

to those who believed in his name,

he gave the right to become children of God

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— **13** children born not of natural descent,
nor of human decision or a husband's will,

but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us

14 So the Word became human^[d] and made his home among us.

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