

John 1:1-14

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was with God in the beginning.

3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4**In him was life, and that life was the light of men. **5**The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

6There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. **7**He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. **8**He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. **9**The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

10He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. **11**He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12**Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— **13**children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Matthew 28:18-20

18Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."