

## John 1:1-18

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>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.

### Prayer of Day—

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Zoom Invite Information

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## John 1:1-18 (The Message)

1-2 The Word was first,  
the Word present to God,  
God present to the Word.

The Word was God,  
in readiness for God from day one.

3-5 Everything was created through him;  
nothing—not one thing!—  
came into being without him.

What came into existence was Life,  
and the Life was Light to live by.

The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;  
the darkness couldn't put it out.

6-8 There once was a man, his name John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light.

9-13 The Life-Light was the real thing:  
Every person entering Life  
he brings into Light.

He was in the world,  
the world was there through him,  
and yet the world didn't even notice.

He came to his own people,  
but they didn't want him.

But whoever did want him,  
who believed he was who he claimed  
and would do what he said,

He made to be their true selves,  
their child-of-God selves.

These are the God-begotten,  
not blood-begotten,  
not flesh-begotten,  
not sex-begotten.

14 The Word became flesh and blood,  
and moved into the neighborhood.

We saw the glory with our own eyes,  
the one-of-a-kind glory,  
like Father, like Son,

Generous inside and out,  
true from start to finish.

15 John pointed him out and called, "This is the One! The One I told you was coming after me but in fact was ahead of me. He has always been ahead of me, has always had the first word."

16-18 We all live off his generous abundance,  
gift after gift after gift.

We got the basics from Moses,  
and then this exuberant giving and receiving,

This endless knowing and understanding—  
all this came through Jesus, the Messiah.

No one has ever seen God,  
not so much as a glimpse.

This one-of-a-kind God-Expression,  
who exists at the very heart of the Father,  
has made him plain as day.

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