

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life,^[a] and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to his own,^[a] and his own people^[a] did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son^[a] from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15** (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") **16** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.^[a] **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God; the only God,^[a] who is at the Father's side,^[a] he has made him known.

Message: "When a Witness is Not Enough" Rev. John F. Peoples

Introduction:

Dramatic shift

God Himself Sent a Witness to Testify to the True Light

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God sent a man

Witness

The True Light Came into the World, but He Was Not Received

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The True Light was coming/ He came

The world did not recognize Him

But Those Who Received the True Light Were Born of God

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but to all who received Him

born not of...

but born of God

Conclusion