



John 1:1-18 The Prologue and its Poetry

¹ In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was toward God,
and the Word was God.

²This One (the Word) was in the beginning toward God.

³ All things through him came into being,
and apart from him came into being not one (thing).
That which had come to be ⁴ in him was life,
and the life was the light of humanity.

⁵ And the light in the darkness shines (on),
and the darkness it not holds back [overtakes, seizes, controls, overcomes].

⁶There came a man, having been sent from God, whose name was John; ⁷ this one came to be a witness in order that he might bear witness to the light, in order that all might believe through him. ⁸ Not was that one the light, but in order that he might bear witness to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens all humanity, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ In the world he was,
and the world through him came into being,
and the world did not recognize him.

¹¹ To his own he came,
and his own people did not receive him.

¹² But to all who did receive him,
he gave to them authority children of God to become.

[That is] to those who believe into his name, ¹³ who not out of blood and not out of the will of flesh and not out of the will of man, but out of God were born.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as the one and only begotten from the father,
full of grace and truth.

(¹⁵ John bore witness concerning him and cried out saying, “This one was whom I told you; ‘the one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.’”)

¹⁶ For out of the fullness of him
we have all received

even grace upon grace.

¹⁷ For the Law through Moses was given, grace and truth through Jesus Christ came. ¹⁸ God no one has seen ever; the one and only begotten God who exists into the bosom of the Father, that one has explained (revealed, disclosed) hm.