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Chapter 1

(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 (2) The same was in the beginning with God.
 (3) All things were made by Him; and without Him nothing was made that has been made.
 (4) In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
 (5) And the light shown in darkness; but the darkness did not comprehend it.
 (6) There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.
 (7) He came as a witness, to bear witness to the Light, that all *men* through Him might believe.
 (8) He was not that Light, but *was sent to* bear witness of that Light.
 (9) *That* was the true Light, which gives light to every man who comes into the world.
 (10) He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, but the world did not know Him.
 (11) He came to His own {creation},^a but His own {people}^b did not receive Him.
 (12) But as many as did receive Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, *even* to those who believe on His Name:
 (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 was made flesh, and lived among us, (and we saw His glory, the glory as of the only fathered Son of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
 (15) John bore witness of Him, and cried, saying, This is He of Whom I spoke, He Who comes after me is preferred before me: because He was before me.
 (16) And of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.
 (17) Because the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
 (18) No man has seen God at any time; the only fathered Son, Who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.
 (19) And this is the record {testimony} of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who are you?
 (20) And he confessed, and did not deny; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
 (21) And they asked him, Who then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not. Are you that prophet?^c And he answered, No.
 (22) Then they said to him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say of yourself?
 (23) He said, I *am*
the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the LORD {Jehovah},^d
 as the prophet Isaiah proclaimed.

1:11a – His own { ἰδία } – His own creation
 1:11b – His own { ἰδιότι } – His own people
 1:21c – that prophet - Deut. 18:18; Jn. 7:40
 1:23d – Is. 40:3; Mat. 3:3; Mk. 1:3; Lk. 3:4