

In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He existed in the beginning with God.

God created everything through Him,

and nothing was created except through Him.

John 1:1-5



The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness can never extinguish it.

John 1:1-5



"Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more—no amount of spiritual calisthenics and renunciations, no amount of knowledge gained from seminaries and divinity schools, no amount of crusading on behalf of righteous causes.

And grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less—no amount of racism or pride or [immorality] or adultery or even murder. Grace means that God already loves us as much as an infinite God can possibly love." -Philip Yancey

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty He could make you rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

O Holy Night

Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth. And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on the lowliness of His servant.

Luke 1:46-49



Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name."

Luke 1:46-49



All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through His prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.' "

Matthew 1:22-23



"I was unable to look directly at the sun, but I could look at where the light fell."

-St. Augustine

"Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water.

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud.

Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing." -C.S. Lewis

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them.

Luke 2:8-14

"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize Him by this sign: You will find a Baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Luke 2:8-14

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Luke 2:8-14



"Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."

Luke 1:78-79