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Hearing and Living the Sunday Readings

In the beginning was the WORD,  
and the WORD was with God,  
and the WORD was God.

He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into  
the world.

He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through him,  
but the world did not know him.  
He came to what was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God,  
to those who believe in his name,  
who were born not by natural generation  
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision  
but of God.

And the WORD became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.

## Reflection Questions

- What word, phrase or idea struck you in the reading?
- What do you think God is trying to say to you personally?
- John is the most theological of the 4 gospels and is the only gospel to put into writing that Jesus (given the title 'WORD' had a life before being born among us). Consider the consequences of this. It is like you being asked to take on the condition of being born again as a puppy? What is lost, what is gained?
- The word 'WORD', is from the greek word LOGOS. It means word, idea, thought. To recognise the importance of this title for Jesus, imagine being in love with someone but not being able to speak. You could eat together, walk together... even physical intimacy would still leave something missing. You want to express words and ideas that contain 'you'. Jesus is the LOGOS, the Word of God! Do you get it?
- The original greek has '..and 'tabernacled' among us. God has 'pitched his tent among us.' What is your response in 1 thought, 1 feeling, 1 action?