

NARRATOR:

The Eighth Lesson: Jesus, the Word, the Creator, the Light of the Human Race, is eternal

In this passage, St. John calls Jesus “the Word”
and presents Him
as eternal,
as creator,
as the true light which enlightens each of us.
Jesus was not created.
He always existed.
Jesus *is* the creator.
Through Him all things were made.
Jesus is the true light.
He shines through
the darkness of fear,
the darkness of ignorance, and
the darkness of sin.

Reader 8:

A reading from the beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

**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.**

**A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.
He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.
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.**

"The Gospel of the Lord."

John 1:1-14