

## From “The Gospels” a new translation by Sarah Ruden

### “The Good News According to Iōannēs

#### Chapter 1

1 At the inauguration was the true account, and this true account was with god, and god was the true account. 2 He was, at the inauguration, with god. 3 Everything came into being through him, and apart from him not even a single thing came into being. What came into being 4 in him was life, and that life was the light of humankind. 5 And the light appears, radiant in the darkness, and the darkness did not take hold of it.

6 There arose a man, sent by god, and his name was Iōannēs. 7 He came to give testimony, to testify about the light, so that everyone could believe through him. 8 But he was not the light; instead, he came to testify about the light.

9 It was the true light, which, as it comes into the universe, gives light to every human being. 10 And he was in the universe, and the universe arose through him, but the universe didn’t recognize him. 11 He came into what belonged to him, but the people who belonged to him didn’t accept him for themselves. 12 “But to all those who accepted him, he gave the power to become, to be born, children of god, if they trusted in his name. 13 These are the people who have been engendered not in a blood relationship, and not from what the body wants, and not from what a husband wants, but from god.

14 And the spoken word, the true account, became flesh and blood, and built a shelter and sojourned among us, and we gazed on his splendor, a splendor that a father’s only son has, full of joyful favor and truth.

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