

The First Noel – God became Flesh (Overcoming Death)

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John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

• JESUS IS GOD

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word (Logos: Greek for Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. HE was with God in the beginning.

• JESUS IS CREATOR

John 1:3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

• JESUS IS SAVIOR

John 1:4, 12-13 In him was life... to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

- **THROUGH JESUS, GOD BECAME ONE OF US**
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God became flesh to...

1. DO THE FATHER'S WILL

John 6:38 "I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

John 6:39-40 And THIS IS THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

2. BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

John 18:37 Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

3. BRING LIGHT TO THE DARKNESS

John 1:4-5, 9 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

John 12:46 "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

4. PROVIDE LIFE

John 1:4 In him was life...

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 1:12 to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—