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## **1. The Purity of the Christmas Story *(John 1:1-4)***



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**John 1:1 In the beginning  
was the Word, and the  
Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.**



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**<sup>2</sup> He was in the  
beginning with God.**



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**3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.**



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**<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and  
the life was the light of  
men.**



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## **2. The Purity of the Gospel Message *(John 1:9-13)***



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**9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.**





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**<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.**



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**11 He came to his own,  
and his own people did  
not receive him.**



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**<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,**

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**13 who were born, not of  
blood nor of the will of  
the flesh nor of the will of  
man, but of God.**



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## **3. The Purity of God's Love**

***(John 1:14, 29, 35-42)***

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**14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**



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**29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”**



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**<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,  
<sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”**





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**37 The two disciples  
heard him say this, and  
they followed Jesus.**



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**38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”**

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**39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.**



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**40 One of the two who heard  
John speak and followed  
Jesus was Andrew, Simon  
Peter's brother.**



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**41 He first found his own  
brother Simon and said to him,  
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(which means Christ).**



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**42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).**

Emmanuel  
\* GOD WITH US \*