

¹ In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

² He existed in the beginning with God.

³ God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

⁶ God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷ to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸ John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹ The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

— John 1:1-14

Discussion/Journal Questions

Share something that you enjoy even though others find it disgusting? (For example, a food or a smell.)

Have two or three people read John 1:1-14 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

What does it mean to be disgusted? What does disgust feel like mentally, emotionally, and physically?

Why might someone think God was disgusted by them? Have you ever thought this?

According to John 1:14, the Word became flesh and made His home among us. What disgusting sensations (sights, sounds, smells, tastes, etc.) would Jesus have encountered in His life?

How does Jesus treat those whom the world derides as disgusting? (Lepers, sinners, etc.)

Imagine yourself at one of the dinner parties in the Gospels, hanging out with Jesus and those the Pharisees consider undesirable. How do you picture Jesus acting towards you?

In your group, pray that you will all have the heart of Jesus for yourself and those the world says are disgusting.