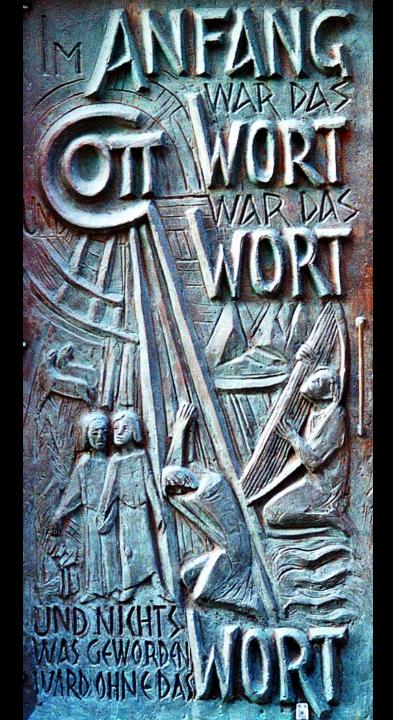
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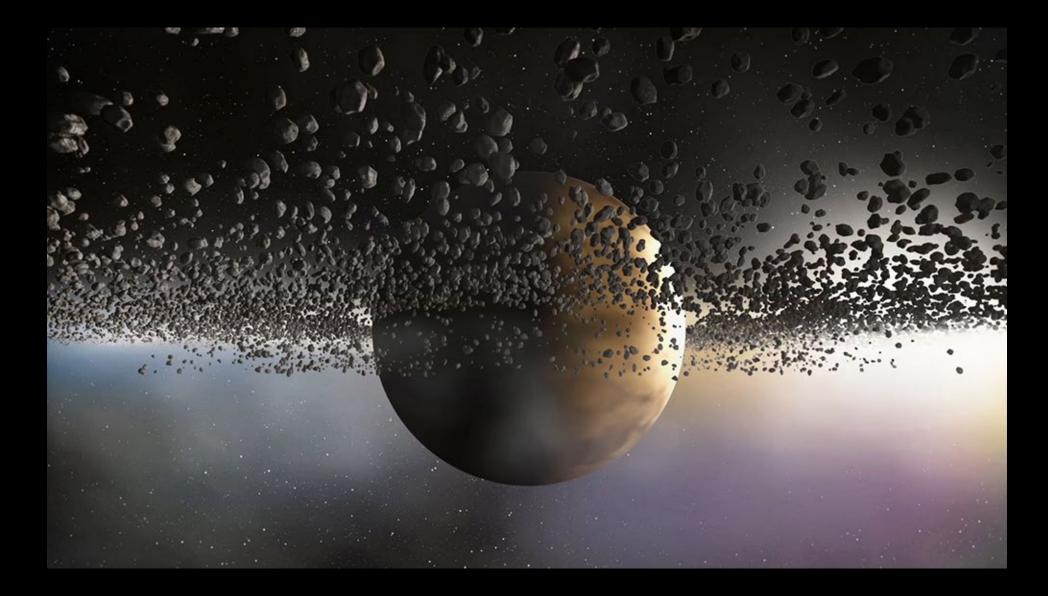
Isaiah 52:7-10 • Psalm 98 • Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) John 1:1-14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



In the Beginning Was the Word

Josef Krautwald St. Dionysius Parish Church, Recht, Germany He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

John 1:2-3a



God's Authority – "In the beginning ..." – Seth Drum, graphic art

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

John 1:3b-4



African Nativity

St. Sebaldus Nuremburg, Germany



Adoration of the Shepherds -- Gerrit van Honthorst, Wallraf-Richartz Museum, Cologne, GDR



Mother and Child -- Charles Bartlett

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

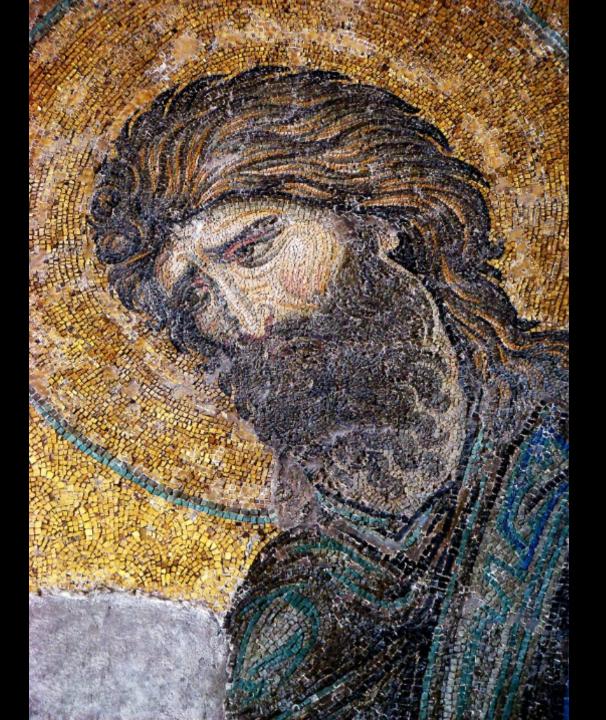


Light of the World -- Presentation by youth with gloves in dark space

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.



Birth and Naming of John the Baptist -- Father George Saget, Keur Moussa Abbey, Kenya



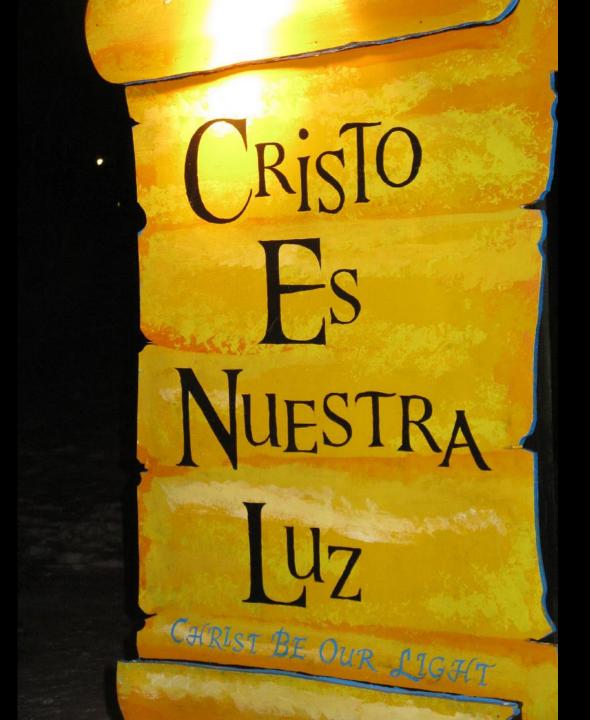
John the Baptist

Mosaic, Hagia Sophia Istanbul, Turkey He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.



Light from the Dome

Oscar Niemeyer Brasilia Cathedral Brasilia, Brazil He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.



Christ Be Our Light

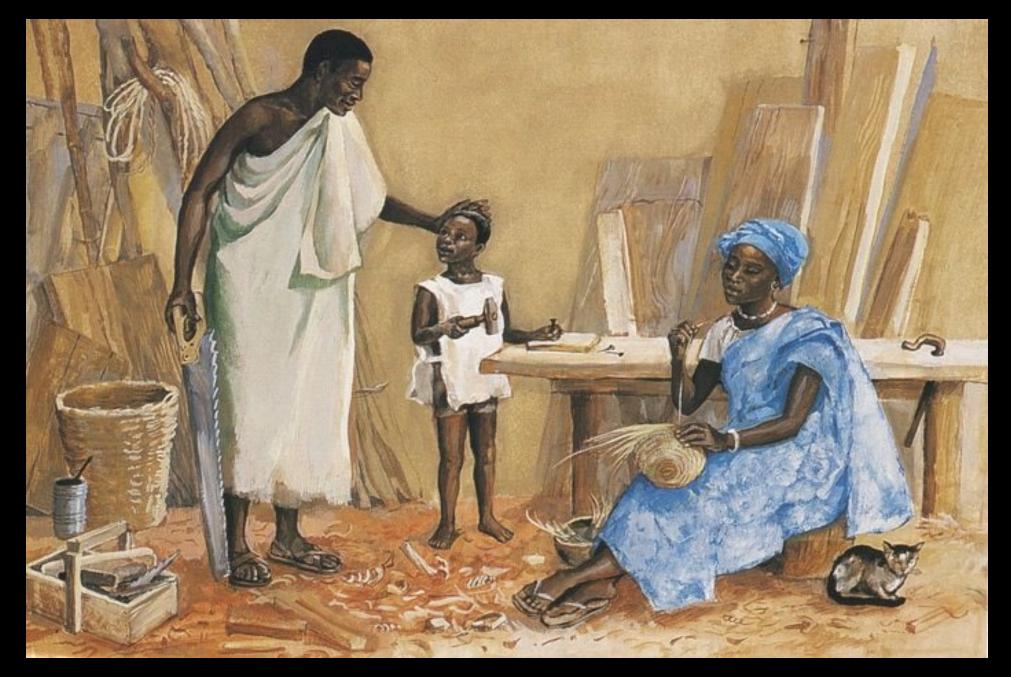
LaSalette Festival Attleboro, MA The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.



Birth of Christ

Chinese c. 2000 And the Word became flesh and lived among us ... full of grace and truth.

John 1:14ac



Jesus as a Child -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

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