

**Sacred Story from 1 John 1:1-3b *nlt* and John 1:35-39 *nlt*
Written for two persons.**

We proclaim to you the One who existed from the beginning,
whom we have...seen.

We saw Him with our own eyes
and touched Him with our own hands.

He is the Word of life.

*The following day John was again standing
with two of his disciples.*

*As Jesus walked by,
John looked at him and declared,
“Look! There is the Lamb of God”*

This One who is life itself was revealed to us,
and we have seen Him.

And now we testify and proclaim to you
that He is the one who is eternal life.

He was with the Father,
and then He was revealed to us.

*When John’s two disciples heard this,
they followed Jesus.*

Jesus looked around and saw them following.

“What do you want?” he asked them.

*They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"),
"where are you saying?"*

"Come and see," he said.

We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen...
so that you may have fellowship with us.

*"It was about four o'clock in the afternoon
when they went with him
to the place where he was staying,
and they remained with him
the rest of the day.*

Sacred Story from 1 John 2:4-6 *nlt* John 3:11, 16-17

If someone claims, "I know God,"
but doesn't obey God's commandments,
that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.

But those who obey God's word
truly show how completely they love Him.

*I assure you,
we tell you what we know and have seen,
and yet you won't believe our testimony...*

*For this is how God loved the world:
He gave his one and only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
will not perish but have eternal life.*

That is how we know we are living in Him.

Those who say they live in God
should live their lives as Jesus did.

*God sent his Son into the world
not to judge the world,
but to save the world through him.*

1 John 2:7-8b *nlt*

Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you;
rather it is an old one you have had
from the very beginning.

This old commandment – to love one another –
is the same message you heard before.

Yet it is also new.

Jesus lived the truth of this commandment,
and you also are living it.