

Gospel for Sunday 3rd January, 2021 from the Gospel of St John

(This is a beautifully written piece which refers to Jesus both as God's word and to the light of the world, and then to his cousin, John the Baptist and his importance as someone who got everyone ready for Jesus' birth).

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.



The Word was the true light
that enlightens all the people
and He was coming into the world.
He was in the world that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own place and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord

For you to think about: The words people use and the way they use them, tell us something about the sort of person they are e.g are they kind, spiteful, rough, respectful, sarcastic, etc. Jesus is described here as God's word – what does the kind of person Jesus is tell us about God? And what do the words you use when you speak to others tell us about you!