

“But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.” John 1:12-13 NLT

[lectio] // JOHN 1:9-14

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

[meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

John says, “he came to the world he created, but they did not recognize him.” God disguise. No one dresses up pretending to be God. Or, if they do, it’s some old white dude that looks a lot like Gandolph in Lord of the Rings. No one, who wants to look like God, the creator of all things comes dressed up as a newborn. No one recognized the creator because he looked just like us - totally human in every way, except without sin.

[oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I would hope that people recognize the creator in me just by spending a few minutes around me. Folks like Rhea. What a joy to represent you to the world as a living example of unfailing love, grace and truth - just like John wrote about Jesus.

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God. allowing the words revealed to take root