

# Second Sunday after Christmas

**Gospel text (Jn 1:1-18): In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race... But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name...**

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***St. John prologue ("Where are you from?"). Our faith in Jesus brings us to birth from God***

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Today, the evangelist John, who so often evokes the question about the origin of Jesus, does not put before a genealogy in his Gospel. But in his "Prologue" he grandly and emphatically proposes an answer to that question about the "where" of Jesus Christ: "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God".

At the same time, John has expanded that response, making from it a definition of the Christian existence: "All who received it [the Word]; he gave power to become children of God, if they believe in his name". I.e., those who believe in the name of Christ receive therefore his origin as their own.

— Just as, ultimately, the genealogies are interrupted - because Jesus was not conceived by Joseph, but He was really born from the Virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit-, the same also applies to us: our true "genealogy" is faith in Jesus, who gives us a new origin, which brings us birth "from God".