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Sunday, January 1, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.  
New Year's Sunday  
Rev. Dr. Lee Ann Shaw, Senior Pastor  
"Mystical Awkward Jesus"  
Scriptures: [Hebrews 1:1-5](#) and [John 1:1-14](#) (NRSV)



### [Hebrews 1:1-5](#)

- <sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.  
<sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
<sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### The Son Is Superior to Angels

- <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
'You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you'?  
Or again,  
'I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son'? ([top](#))



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### John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

<sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

<sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

<sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

<sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ([top](#))