

I John

- I ¹What was from the beginning,^a what we heard, what we saw with our eyes, what we watched and our hands handled, concerning the Message^b of life—²and the life was revealed,^c and we have seen and give testimony, and we report also to you^d the eternal life which was beside^e the Father and was revealed to us—³that which we have seen and heard, we report to you, so that you can have partnership with us. But indeed our partnership *is* together with the Father, and together with His Son, Jesus the Anointed One. ⁴And we write these things to you so that our joy can be filled up.

^aOr 'from the authority' (as in sovereignty, rulership)

^bOr 'System', or 'Logic', or 'Argument'

^cOr 'made real', or 'made conspicuous/remarkable'; and hereafter

^dPlural, and hereafter

^eLiterally 'up against'