them He gave the authoritative power to become children of God, to those who trust with faith in His name. 1:13) These were born of God, and not from blood, nor from natural desire, and not even from the will of a human being.

1:14) So the Word became flesh, and encamped among us [as in a temporary shelter]. We saw His majesty, such sublime glory as belonging to the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. 1:15) Yochanan gave testimony concerning Him and shouted out, saying, "This was the One of whom I said, 'The One who comes after me ranks superior to me, because He existed as first, long before me.'" 1:16) Because, out of His fullness, we have received, one and all, unmerited favor fortified with more grace. 1:17) For as the Torah was revealed through Moshe, grace and truth were intensified more fully through Yeshua the Anointed One. 1:18) While no human being has ever seen God at any time, the only Son, the divine One, the One who is ever embraced nearest to the Father's heart, now that One has given revelation [concerning Him].

1:19) This also is Yochanan's testimony, when the people of Yehudah from Yerushalayim sent to him priests and Levites, to ask him, "Who are you?" 1:20) At that, he avowed and did not deny, but gave assured witness, "I am not the Anointed One." 1:21) They asked him, "What then? Are you Eliyahu?" Then he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet [like Moshe]?" But he answered, "No!" 1:22) With that, they pressed him by the question, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you claim for yourself?" 1:23) He said, "I am a voice of one calling out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the LORD (Isa. 40:3),' as Yishayahu the prophet taught."

1:24) Now they had been sent from the spiritual leaders. 1:25) They asked and said to him, "Why then are you immersing people in water, if you are not the Anointed One, not Eliyahu, and not the Prophet [like Moshe]?" 1:26) Yochanan gave answer, by saying, "I immerse people in water, but among you stands One, whom you yourselves do not know. 1:27) [He is] the One who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." 1:28) These events happened in Beit [Aravah] beyond the Yarden, where Yochanan was immersing the people in water.

1:28 Origen suggested Beit Aravah for Beit Aniyah.