

Jesus in Genesis Series

Week 1 outline

Gen 1:1-31; John 1:1-13; Col 1:15-20

9.25.22

JESUS: OUR LIVING WORD & LIGHT OF THE WORLD

I. The Road Through Genesis Begins With Jesus

A. "I was today years old when..."

1. Missing the Point: the Life of a Pharisee (Jn 5:39-40)

Anytime we turn to Scripture but leave Jesus out of it, we're like the Pharisees:

- a. Curated
- b. Tightfisted
- c. Divisive

2. Seeing Jesus in Genesis: Burning Hearts and Open Eyes (Lk 24:13-32)

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'"

GOD, OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE JESUS!

MAKE OUR HEARTS BURN IN YOUR PRESENCE! -Nancy Guthrie

B. God Said and God Saw (Gen 1:1-31)

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| 1. God said let there be Light | ...and saw that it was good (vs 3-5) |
| 2. God said let there be Sky | ...and saw that it was good (vs6-10) |
| 3. God said let there be Plants | ...and saw that it was good (vs11-13) |
| 4. God said let there be Sun, Moon, and Stars | ...and saw that it was good (vs14-19) |
| 5. God said let there be Fish and Birds | ...and saw that it was good (vs20-23) |
| 6. God said let there be Land Animals | ...and saw that it was good (vs 24-25) |
| 7. God said let us make Man | ...and saw that it was VERY GOOD (vs 26-31) |

GOD SPOKE THE WORD AND SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD

II. Jesus: From the Beginning

A. One God: Three Persons (Gen 1:26-31)

26 Then God said, "Let us [plural] make [singular] mankind in our [plural] image, in our [plural] likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

The Trinity is there before the beginning of the world, God the Father, Son, and Spirit. One God, 3 persons, each having different primary functions or primary activities in relation to the world.

THE FATHER SPOKE IT INTO BEING
THE SON CARRIED OUT THE DECREE
THE HOLY SPIRIT MANIFESTED GOD'S PRESENCE IN HIS CREATION

B. The Living Word and Light of the World (John 1:1-13)

1. Jesus is The Word -through which all things were made (John 1:1-3)

In the beginning was the word... The Father spoke and it came into existence through the Son

2. Jesus is the Light -of the World that was the light of all mankind (Jn 1:4-13)

Christ is our True Light who (much like the light in Genesis 1) came to

*"...give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night,
and to separate light from darkness."* (Genesis 1:17-18)

a-Jesus Gives light to everyone coming into the world -Jn 1:9

b-Jesus Governs day and night, and the world was made by him -Jn 1:10

c-Jesus Separates light from darkness, to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God -Jn 1:11-13

III. In Him... All Things ...Including Us (Col 1:15-20)

A. In Him We See... all things were created by him ...that means all of us

...all things are held together in him ...that means each of us

... all things are reconciled to God through him ...that especially means you

B. In Him We Say ..."I was today years old when..."

1. I stopped inventing a fake image of myself,
and let Jesus, the giver of life, begin making me into His image

2. I stopped pretending I could keep it together on my own
and allowed Jesus to be my King and hold me together

3. I stopped living alone, alienated, and divided
and started trusting in Jesus my Savior, who has reconciled me to God

"AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS VERY GOOD"