



In the Beginning, God

Genesis 1:1-3, John :1-3, 10-14

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KEY IDEAS

1. Genesis chapters 1-11 addresses and answers many fundamental questions which all humans ponder, such as who is God, who are we, why are we here, morality, what is the nature of the human problem, and what is the nature of our relationship with God.
2. The question where did we come from (origins) is an important issue in Genesis, but focusing exclusively on the creation/evolution debate misses the larger point, which we learn from Jesus, which is that it is all about Jesus.
3. “In the beginning God” means that before there was anything, before time or the material universe was created, God existed. God is the pre-existing, self-existing being.
4. God has always existed as First, Second and Third persons of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in a relationship of perfect love; three persons with one essence or nature.
5. God’s first act of creation was to push back the darkness by creating light.

CONNECT

- What are some fundamental questions about life and meaning and God which you have? Where do these questions come from in your life? In other words, why *these* questions? Are you satisfied with the answers you have found thus far?

STUDY

Read Genesis 1:1-3

- Why do you think these verses make no attempt to explain where God came from? Is not having a direct answer to this question a stumbling block for some people? For you?
- Do you think we have the capacity to understand the answer to these questions if God did tell us?
- What is the implication for morality and human behaviour of God creating everything?

- How does God, as rational and intelligent, creating the world lead us to conclude that the world around us is knowable and that we have the capacity to know it or learn about it?
- Do you see the connection between an orderly physical world created by God and science? Describe that connection.
- Do you see a connection between God speaking/commanding light into existence and Jesus commanding healing, calming storms, multiplying fish and healing diseases by simply speaking? If so, what might be that connection?

Read John 1:1-3

- What parts of John 1:1-3 are similar to Genesis 1:1-3?
- What/who is the focus of John 1:1-3? Who is the Word?
- What does John say about the Word? What can we conclude about the Word?
- What important insights does John 1:1-3 and this focus on the Word add to Genesis 1:1-3?
- Given what John says in 1:1-3, what can we conclude was the Second Person of the Trinity's (the Son of God's) role in Genesis 1:1-3, at the beginning of creation?

Read John 1:10-14

- What does John 1:10 reaffirm about the role of the Second Person of the Trinity (the Word) in creation?
- How might John 1 help us better understand the purpose of God in creation?

APPLY

- Which aspect of this study has struck you the most and why? What are you going to do as a result ?
- How can knowing God created and is in charge of everything give you peace in times of struggle, hardship or difficulty?

- Identify one or more truths from this study (about God's existence, God's creation, about the Word, etc.) which speak to and can be applied in your life.
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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

- According to need.