

Series: Genesis: Creation to Corruption

Text: Genesis 1:1

Main Idea: God made everything.

Title/Hook: Once Upon A Time

Date: 1/6/24

Purpose: To teach the foundational truth that there is a God who made everything. To show how our biggest problem as human beings is that we have rejected this foundational truth. To exhort all people to trust in Christ who came to open our eyes to this foundational truth, and bring us back into relationship with our Creator. To call Christians to worship their Creator God.

FCF/COR: Every human being has to wrestle with existential questions like, “Where did everything come from?”, “How did everything get here?”, “Why is everything here?” etc.

Christ Trajectory: The core of human rebellion is a rejection of God as the Creator (Romans 1:18-32). Jesus is the Creator and Reconciler of all things, including rebels and sinners (Colossians 1:15-19)

Apologetic: The kalam cosmological argument. Everything that has a beginning has a cause. The universe had a beginning therefore the universe has a cause. According to the Bible, that first cause is the one true Creator God.

Call to Worship: Revelation 4:9-11

Benediction: Romans 11:36

Structure: Deductive

Main Idea:

Subject (What is the passage about?): What happened in the beginning.

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): God created the heavens and the earth.

Exegetical Main Idea: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Theological Main Idea: The story of all that is begins with God, who has always been, and who created all that there is.

Homiletical Main Idea: God made everything.

Outline:

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1. There is a God who has always been

Psalm 90:2 - Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Isaiah 44:6 - "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god."

Quote – A.W. Tozer – "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

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2. There is a God who created all there is

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Romans 1:18-25 - ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

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Colossians 1:15-20 - ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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