

TEXT: Genesis 1-2

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Big Idea: Jesus is the Creator

Genesis 1:1

Col. 1 *"15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and by him all things hold together."*

"The mentality of the whole Scripture ... is that creation is as historically real as the history of the Jews and our present moment of time. Both the Old and the New Testaments deliberately root themselves back into the early chapters of Genesis, insisting that they are a record of historical events." - Francis Shaeffer

- Why is it important to understand that God is outside of creation and not part of creation?

Gen. 1:26-27; 2:4-9, 15-25

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal...it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously - no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption." - C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

- Based on what we have seen about God and his purpose in creating man, how do we see the image of God expressed in humanity from the beginning of creation? What does this mean for how we should live?
- What is the relationship between male and female? Why did God make a woman instead of another man?

“He that hung up the earth in space was Himself hanged up; He that fixed the heavens was fixed with nails; He that bore up the earth was born up on a tree; the Lord of all was subjected to ignominy in a naked body—God put to death!...[I]n order that He might not be seen, the luminaries [stars] turned away, and the day became darkened—because they slew God, who hung naked on the tree.... This is He who made the heaven and the earth, and in the beginning, together with the Father, fashioned man; who was announced by means of the law and the prophets; who put on a bodily form in the Virgin; who was hanged upon the tree; who was buried in the earth; who rose from the place of the dead, and ascended to the height of heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father.” - Melito of Sardis

- What do the first two chapters in Scripture teach us about God?