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The God of the Garden
John 20 (pg. 963)

1) The Garden Tomb (1-10)



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There was a garden in the place where he was crucified. A new tomb was in the garden; no one had yet been placed in it. They placed Jesus there because of the Jewish day of preparation and since the tomb was nearby.

John 19:41-42

After Jesus had said these things, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.

John 18:1-2

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze.

Genesis 3:8

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had formed.

Genesis 2:8

A river went out from Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became the source of four rivers.

Genesis 2:10

**The Lord God took the man and placed
him in the garden of Eden to work it and
watch over it.**

Genesis 2:15

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Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

John 19:5

4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. **5**Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. **6**Then, following him, Simon Peter also came. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. **7**The wrapping that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself.

After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unwrap him and let him go.”

John 11:43-44

He is to wear a holy **linen tunic**, and linen undergarments are to be on his body. He is to tie a linen sash around him and wrap **his head** with a **linen turban**. These are holy garments; he must bathe his body with water before he wears them.

Leviticus 16:4

“Then Aaron is to enter the tent of meeting, take off the linen garments he wore when he entered the most holy place, and leave them there.”

Leviticus 16:23

⁸The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then also went in, saw, and believed. ⁹For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.

- 1) The Garden Tomb (1-10)
- 2) The Gardener (11-18)



¹¹But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²She saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus's body had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

Make two cherubim of gold; make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end. At its two ends, make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat. The cherubim are to have wings spread out above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and are to face one another. The faces of the cherubim should be toward the mercy seat.

Exodus 25:18-20

So the Lord God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove the man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:23-24

13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“Because they’ve taken away my Lord,” she told them, “and I don’t know where they’ve put him.”

¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus. ¹⁵“Woman,” Jesus said to her, “why are you crying? Who is it that you’re seeking?”

Supposing he was the **gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you’ve carried him away, tell me where you’ve put him, and I will take him away.”**

16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

Turning around, she said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!”—which means “Teacher.”

17 “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus told her, “since I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”

- 1) The Garden Tomb (1-10)
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- 3) The Future Garden (19-31)



19 When it was evening on that **first day** of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the **doors** locked because they **feared** the **Jews**. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**"

20 Having said this, he showed them his **hands** and his **side**. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” **22** After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

“Jesus is establishing by the Spirit his body as a ministering agent in the world, and by the same Spirit Jesus is empowering this new humanity to do what Adam and others had failed to do: to be God’s representatives and ministers in the world.”

Mickey Klink

24 But **Thomas** (called "**Twin**"), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples were telling him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "If I don't see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."

26 A week later his disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don't be faithless, but believe."

28 Thomas responded to him, “**My Lord and my God!**”

29 Jesus said, “**Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.**”

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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