

# ORIGINS: *The Big Story of the Bible Begins*

Genesis 1-4

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The Bible contains \_\_\_\_\_ books, was written over the span of \_\_\_\_\_ years on \_\_\_\_\_ continents in \_\_\_\_\_ languages using different \_\_\_\_\_ forms by men from all walks of life and never contradicts itself as God's \_\_\_\_\_ unfolds.

God's Big Story tells of God revealing Himself to the \_\_\_\_\_ through a \_\_\_\_\_ people.

- **God's Big Story reached its climax in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-5, 14)*

- **Jesus saw Himself as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Big Story.**

*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. (Mark 1:1)*

*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (Luke 24:27)*

**God's Big Story enables us to understand our life by answering the big questions:**

**1. WHO AM I? → \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26-27)*

*And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each of us, for "In him we live and move and have our being..." (Acts 17:26-28)*

**2. WHERE AM I? → \_\_\_\_\_.**

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the*

*tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat it, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Genesis 2:15-17)*

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*  
(Revelation 21:2-4)

### **3. WHAT IS WRONG? → \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ...So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (Genesis 3:1-2, 6)*

*Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned... (Romans 5:12)*

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12)*

#### 4. WHAT IS THE SOLUTION? → \_\_\_\_\_.

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel...And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. (Genesis 3:15, 21)*

*In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:3-5)*

#### **Legend:**

The Bible contains 66 books, was written over the span of 2000 years on 3 continents in 3 languages using different literary forms by men from all walks of life and never contradicts itself as God's Big Story unfolds.

God's Big Story tells of God revealing Himself to the world through a chosen people.

God's Big Story reached its climax in the Incarnation.

Jesus saw Himself as the fulfillment of the Big Story.

1. Who Am I? → I belong to the Lord.
2. Where Am I? → I am meant to live with God in paradise.
3. What is Wrong? → Sin led me away from God's rule and presence.
4. What is the Solution? → God promised to provide.

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