



**ORIGINS:  
IN THE  
BEGINNING**

**GENESIS 1 AND  
JOHN 1**



# Read

John 1:1-4; 9-13

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

# Know

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## **-Cross Reference: Genesis 1:1-3**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

- Genesis speaks of beginnings (heavens and the earth, light and darkness, etc.). The list could go on and on just through the first chapter.

-The book of Genesis is foundational to understanding the rest of the Bible. Its message is rich and complex, and listing its main elements gives a succinct outline of the Biblical message as a whole. It clearly teaches that the one true God is sovereign over all that exists, and introduces us to the way in which God initiates and makes covenants with his chosen people, pledging his love and faithfulness to them and calling them to promise theirs to him

# Ask

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Our culture often says faith and science are in conflict. Do you think they actually are? Why or why not? How could faith and science work together instead of against each other?

Genesis 1 tells the story of creation, and John 1:1–3 says, “In the beginning was the Word... All things were made through him.” How does this connect Jesus to the creation story in Genesis? Why is it important for our faith to understand that Jesus was present at creation and not just a teacher who appeared later in history?

Which interpretation of Genesis 1 makes the most sense to you right now, and what leads you to that conclusion? If you encountered new information or scientific ideas that challenged your understanding of Genesis, how do you think you would wrestle with that while holding on to your faith?

If a professor told your class, “For the purpose of this course, assume God doesn’t exist,” how would you approach learning in that environment while still staying grounded in your faith?

Debating faith can sometimes feel fun or satisfying. How do we make sure those conversations help people see Jesus instead of just turning into arguments we want to win?

# Gospel Sharing Tool

1) **Ask permission:** "Can I ask you a spiritual question?"

2) **Ask 2 questions:** "What happens when you die?" "If God asked, 'Why should I let you in?', what would you say?"

3) **Listen + Repeat back**

4) **Share Gospel in 4:** God / Us / Jesus / Response

5) **Invite:** "Where are you at with Jesus?"

6) **Follow up:** "Want to talk/read more this week?"

7) **Pray for and or with them:** "Can I pray with you?"







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