

**I. Introduction: The story of the Bible is about God's plan to redeem human beings from the failure of the first Adam, through the finished work of the last Adam.**

**II. The Tale of Two Adams (Rom 5:12-21).**

**A. The Garden of Eden (Gen 3:1-24).**

1. In the Garden of Eden, the first Adam sinned against God. He wanted to be like God, and he rebelled against His authority cursing the human race and condemning it to ruin.

**B. The Garden in Gethsemane (Matt 26:36-56).**

1. In a garden near Gethsemane, the last Adam pledged His life as a substitute for humanity. Jesus obeyed the will of the Father, unlike the first Adam, who put his will above God's.

**C. The Garden of Resurrection (John 20:11-18).**

1. At the garden tomb, the last Adam appeared to Mary Magdalene to prove that He had triumphed over death and that He was the head of a new humanity.

**D. The Garden of God (Rev 22:1-5).**

1. At the center of the new Jerusalem is a garden that contains a restored Eden. God will once again walk among people as He did with Adam in the original garden.

**III. Conclusion: Jesus Christ came into the world as the last Adam to bring eternal life to humanity through His obedience, death on the cross, and resurrection from the grave.**

## Questions About: The Tale of Two Adams

1. Why are human beings always looking for a messianic figure? (**Gen 3:15**) How are Genesis 2-3 two of the most critical chapters in the Bible? What do they tell us about humanity's brokenness?
2. Where did things go wrong for mankind? (**Gen 3:1-24**) What was Adam's role in the garden? (**Gen 2:15**) What was the lie that Satan told Eve? (**Gen 3:5**) How do people still believe this lie?
3. What were the immediate effects of their sin? (**Gen 3:8-13**) What promise did God make to the woman? (**Gen 3:15**) What curses came upon Adam and Eve? (**Gen 3:15-19**)
4. How did Jesus pledge to redeem humanity in a garden? (**Matt 26:36-56**) Whose will did Adam follow? (**Gen 3**) How did Jesus submit Himself to God's will? (**Matt 26:39, 42, 44; Rom 5:19**)
5. How did Jesus confront Satan in the garden? (**Matt 26:47-56; John 13:27**) How did Adam fail to confront Satan? (**Gen 3:1-6**) How did Judas betray Jesus, like Adam betrayed God?
6. How did Jesus conquer death at the garden tomb? (**John 19:41; 20:11-18**) How did Adam's sin bring death? (**Gen 2:17**) How did Jesus' obedience bring life? (**Rom 5:12-21; 1 Cor 15:22; 45-49**)
7. Who was the first person that Jesus appeared to after the resurrection? (**John 20:11-13**) Why is it significant that He appeared to a woman? (**Gen 3:1-6**) What did Jesus tell her to do? (**John 20:17**)
8. What are the features of the new Jerusalem? (**Rev 22:1-5**) How do they mirror those things lost in Eden? (**Gen 2-3**) How will man's fellowship with God be restored? (**Gen 3:8; Rev 22:3-5**)

### Prayer

1. Pray and thank God for providing a way for man to return to paradise.
2. Pray that God would give you the courage to share His story with family, friends, and neighbors.