

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

**II. The Last Adam (1 Cor 15:45-49).**

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 earth and condemning humanity to hell.

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

1. In a garden in Gethsemane, the last Adam pledged His life as a substitute for humanity, confronting Satan for the last time before He was crucified on the cross.

C. The Garden of Calvary (**John 19:1-42**).

1. In the garden of Calvary, the last Adam was crucified to pay the penalty for sins He did not commit so that humanity might be acquitted of sins they had committed.

D. 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 offers life as the head of a new humanity.

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

1. At the center of the new Jerusalem is a garden that contains the restored Eden. God will once again walk among His 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 all humanity through His obedience, death on the cross, and resurrection from the grave.**

## Study Questions: The Last Adam

1. How is Jesus the last Adam who has come to save humanity? (**1 Cor 15:45-49**) Why do people keep searching for a messianic figure? (**Gen 3:15**) What does this tell us about man's deepest needs?
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 are people still believing this lie?
3. How did Jesus pledge to redeem humanity in a garden? (**Matt 26:36-56**) Whose will did Adam follow? (**Gen 3:1-7**) How did Jesus submit Himself to God's will? (**Matt 26:39, 42, 44; Rom 5:19**)
4. How did Jesus confront Satan in the garden? (**Matt 26:47-56; John 18:1-11**) How did Adam fail to confront Satan? (**Gen 3:1-7**) How did Judas betray Jesus, just as Adam betrayed God?
5. Why was Jesus crucified in a garden to redeem humanity? (**John 19:41**) How did Jesus pay for Adam's sins on a tree? (**Deut 21:23; Gal 3:13**) How was Jesus punished for our sins? (**2 Cor 5:21**)
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 things 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 through Jesus.
2. Pray that God will give you the courage to share His story with family, friends, and neighbors.