

UNIVERSAL HISTORY

UNDERSTANDING OUR WORLD ACCORDING TO GENESIS 1-11

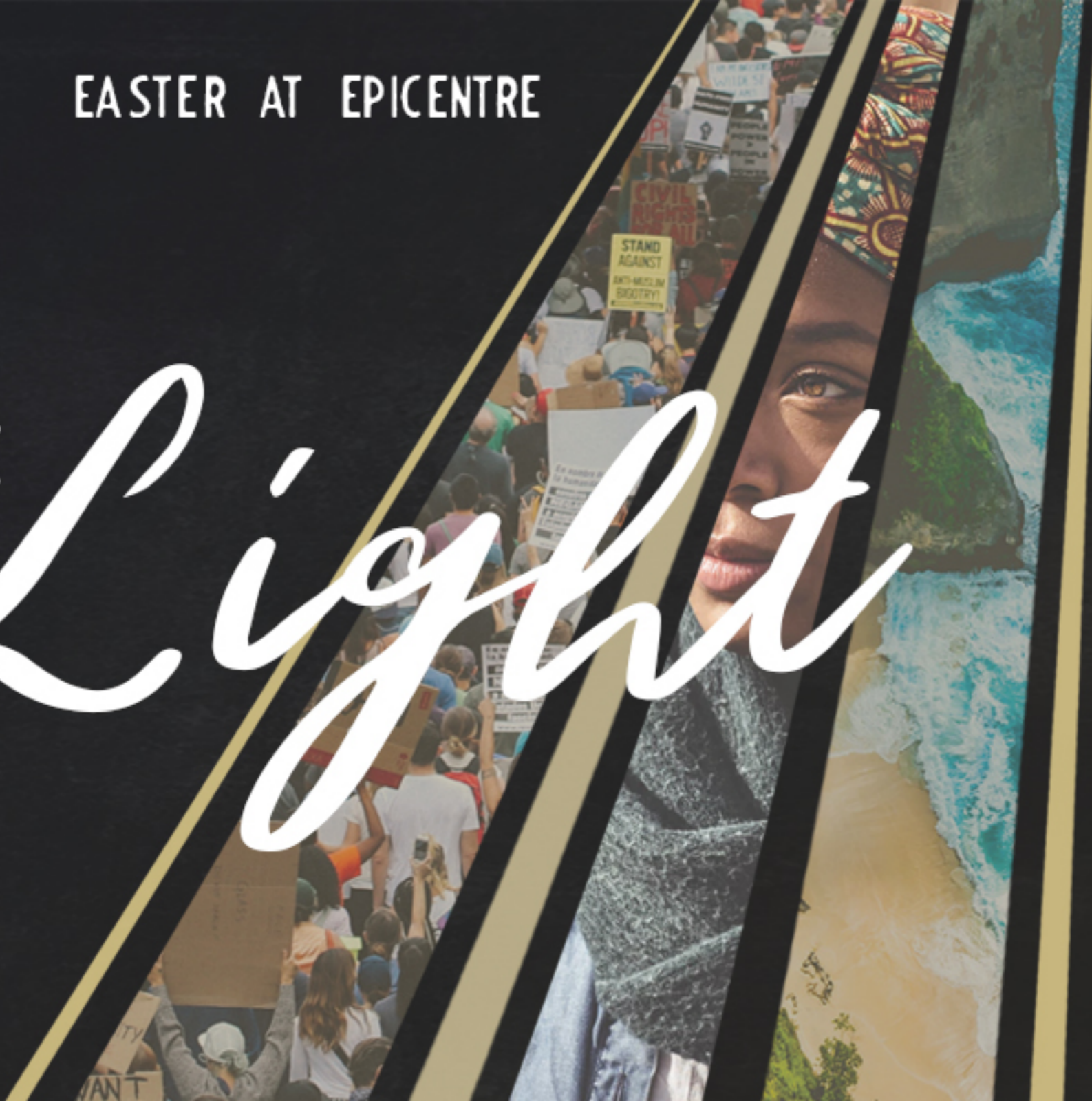
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Genesis 4

EASTER AT EPICENTRE

HE IS THE

Light



EASTER AT EPICENTRE

Good Friday Set-Up

Friday

4:15-5:30p

K Kids Decorating

Saturday

10a-12p

Sunday Service Set-Up

Sunday

7:30A - 9:30A

Easter Egg Hunt Set-Up

Sunday

8:45 - 9:15a

K Kids Hospitality

Sunday

9a - 10a

Parking Attendants

Sunday

9:15a - 10:15a

Mott Patio Hospitality

Sunday

9a - 10:15a

[K Kids Teachers + Helpers]

Sunday

9:45a - 11:40a

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Light

GENESIS 1-11

tells us deep stories that help us to understand God, human beings, the world and why the world is the way it is

God created everything in order and as very good

Adam and Eve are given a purity of purpose, passion and people

When they go their own way, their lives and our world get infected by sin

Things start degrading really quick

Genesis 4 ¹ Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, "With the Lord's help, I have produced a man!" ² Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel.

When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground. ³ When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. ⁴ Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock.

The Lord accepted Abel and his gift, ⁵ but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.

God's teaching
Cain about what
makes for
acceptable
sacrifices or gifts

anger

dejection

"soft"
feeling

"hard" feeling

Genesis 4 ⁶ "Why are you so angry?" the Lord asked Cain. **"Why do you look so dejected?"** ⁷ **You will be accepted if you do what is right.** But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

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Cain has not yet sinned

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Genesis 4 ⁸ One day Cain suggested to his brother, "Let's go out into the fields." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him.

Cain kills Abel

Cain doesn't deal with his inside (rejection)

Envy

Blame

Anger

Murder

anger

dejection

"soft" feeling

"hard" feeling

RAMIFICATIONS OF SIN

Genesis 4

9 Afterward the Lord asked Cain, "Where is your brother? Where is Abel?"

"I don't know," Cain responded. "Am I my brother's guardian?"

1

Sin hardens our heart

2

Sin isolates us from others

Genesis 4

¹⁰ But the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground!"

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the
physical
world

RAMIFICATIONS OF SIN

Genesis 4

¹¹ Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has swallowed your brother's blood.

¹² No longer will the ground yield good crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless wanderer on the earth."

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Sin affects
our work

RAMIFICATIONS OF SIN

Genesis 4

¹³ Cain replied to the Lord, "My punishment is too great for me to bear! ¹⁴ You have banished me from the land and from your presence; you have made me a homeless wanderer. Anyone who finds me will kill me!"

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the
physical
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4

Sin affects
our work

5

Sin creates
fear within
us

Genesis 4

¹⁶ So Cain left the Lord's presence and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

¹⁷ Cain had sexual relations with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Then Cain founded a city, which he named Enoch, after his son. ¹⁸ Enoch had a son named Irad. Irad became the father of Mehujael. Mehujael became the father of Methushael. Methushael became the father of Lamech.

¹⁹ Lamech married two women. The first was named Adah, and the second was Zillah ...²³ One day Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;

listen to me, you wives of Lamech. I have killed a man who attacked me, a young man who wounded me. ²⁴ If someone who kills Cain is punished seven times, then the one who kills me will be punished seventy-seven times!"

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Cain, do what is right. Deal with what's inside and bring your whole heart to me.

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6

When fed, sin becomes a beast which grows

RESPONSE

I need
Jesus to
come into
my life
and save
me

I've been
stuck and
trapped in
the rut of
sin and I
need to
get out

I've been
feeding
the beast
of
temptation
and its
beginning
to master
me

I need to
get
spiritually
cleansed
(begins
April 8)

I need
help to
deal with
my inner
heart

I need to
break the
cycle of
shame
and guilt

I need
physical
healing