

Review: We previously discussed that God created everything, including time, for man. And that throughout the Bible there is scripture stating that God “created”, including the words of Jesus in Mark 13. We also discussed the Hebrew word “yom” being used in Genesis. This means a literal “day” in Hebrew, not billions of years. Creation was created fully formed and did not evolve. And man is the keeper of the creation story to pass down to future generations. We also discussed that man was created in the image of God and that if we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we have the fruit of the Spirit. Do you recognize the fruit of the Spirit in yourself and others?

**Adam’s sin brought corruption to the world and all his children.**

**Gen. 3:17-19** – “And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Did Adam recognize who God was? Did Adam make a small mistake, or did he boldly defy God?

If he boldly defied God, who else can you think of that boldly defied God? What happened to him? What is God doing?

**John 11:25-26** – “Jesus said to Martha, “**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.**” What does it mean when Jesus says he is the resurrection? ...the life?

Jesus says that we die but we will live and then we will never die. What is he saying here and what does it mean?

**Cor. 15:21-22** – Paul wrote: “For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” What men are/is Paul referring to? What is the difference in the two? What conclusion can we come to regarding the differences between Adam and Jesus?

In **Gen. 4:3-8**, we read that Cain and Abel gathered sacrifices for God. But Cain was angry and killed his brother Abel. Why did Cain and Abel feel the need to offer sacrifices to God? What is a sacrifice? In what forms do we see sacrifices offered to God in this day and age? Are these acceptable to God as a Cain sacrifice or as an Abel sacrifice?

Why did Cain kill Abel?

**Rom. 5:12-14** – John wrote: “We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous.” Why would someone murder another just because they were different, in this case good? Can you think of examples of this today?

Cain could not kill God, so he killed Abel, the closest thing to God. Why does evil hate God?

**God cursed the world as a result of Adam’s sin.**

In **Rom. 8:20-23**, Paul tells us that the earth is groaning as in labor from the curse that God has bestowed upon it. This tells us that the world as we know it was different in the beginning and that there was a dramatic change.

Can you imagine a world without “thistle and thorn”, suffering, disease, and death?

**What is natural evil?**

It is the natural condition of suffering and dying we find affecting all living creature in a natural world. If the world was always like this, full of suffering, contempt, anger, cruelty, disease, selfishness, lust, pollution, war, murder, torture, greed, intoxication, and death, why do we as humans react the way we do?

As sons of God created in the image of God, we instinctly know the earth was not created like it is now. That is why we are appalled at what we see around us. Do you recognize the fallen nature of the world around you?

**Biblical history has Adam ushering in universal death and corruption.**

This means sinless, undying humans preceded sinful, dying humans. Conventional history of the world has corruption and death precede the appearance of humans. These are two extremely different histories of the world.

**Jesus Christ came as “the second Adam”.**

**Rom. 5:15-18** – Paul wrote: “For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.” What is Paul saying?

“And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.” What does “justification” mean here?

“For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.” What does this mean?

“Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.” ***The second Adam has reversed the consequences of the first Adam.***