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The Whole Story: Creation to Jesus

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Genesis 1:1-31

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   What do these passages show about God as Creator, and about who the Word is?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it mean for you that you are part of what God made and called good?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you honor God as your Maker this week?

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   Who could you point to the God who made all things?

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Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, you made everything and called it good, and your Word became flesh among us. Help me see you as Creator and worship you.*

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   What happens when the man and woman disobey, and what does Paul say is true of everyone?

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   What sin will you bring honestly to God this week instead of hiding it?

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   Who needs to know that God has not given up on a broken world?

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> *God, I see how sin broke what you made good, and that I share in it. Thank you that you did not abandon us; help me long for the rescue you promised.*

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Romans 3:9-20

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   What does God promise Abram, and why is Abram counted righteous?

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   Who could be blessed as you trust and obey God?

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God's promise to and through Abram

Genesis 15:1-6

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The promise of Passover

Exodus 12:21-30

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   How are the people rescued in Egypt, and what does Paul say Christ is?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Lamb whose blood covers you?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you live this week as someone rescued at great cost?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who needs to hear about the rescue Jesus brings?

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> *God, thank you that the blood of the lamb brings rescue, and that Christ is our Passover. Cover me and set me free.*

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The promise of Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7

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The sacrificial system

Leviticus 4:1-35

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   Why were sacrifices needed for sin, and what does Hebrews say Jesus did once for all?

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3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you rest in Jesus' finished sacrifice this week?

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   Who is weighed down by guilt that needs to hear it is finished?

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The sacrificial system

Hebrews 9:11-10:14

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Covenant with David

2 Samuel 7:8-16

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   What does God promise David, and how does Paul say it is fulfilled?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it mean that Jesus is the King from David's line?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you live this week under the reign of King Jesus?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell about the King whose kingdom never ends?

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Covenant with David

Acts 13:16-41

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Sheep and shepherd

Ezekiel 34:11-31

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   What does God promise to do for his sheep, and how does Jesus fulfill it?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where do you need the good shepherd to find and lead you?

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   How will you follow the shepherd's voice this week?

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   Who is a lost sheep you could help bring to the shepherd?

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> *God, thank you that you search for your sheep, and Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down his life. Help me listen for your voice and follow.*

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Sheep and shepherd

John 10:2-14

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Jesus, bringer of good news

Isaiah 61:1-9

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   What does the promised one come to do, and what does Jesus claim in Nazareth?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Which part of this good news do you most need today?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you carry this good news to someone this week?

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Jesus, bringer of good news

Luke 4:16-22

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Isaiah 53

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1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does this chapter say the servant suffers, and for whom?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   How does it affect you to read this written long before Jesus came?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you respond this week to what Jesus bore for you?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who needs to know Jesus carried their sin and sorrow too?

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> *God, thank you that Jesus was pierced for my transgressions and by his wounds I am healed. Help me grasp the love that bore my sin.*

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Jesus fulfills the promise

Luke 23:26-49

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   How does Jesus die, and how does he treat those around him at the cross?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does it mean to you that Jesus died to fulfill God's plan for you?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you respond this week to Jesus' sacrifice?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who needs to hear that Jesus died for them?

3 Grow

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✦ Pray

> *Jesus, thank you for laying down your life to fulfill every promise. Like the criminal beside you, remember me; I trust you.*

NEXT STUDY Jesus fulfills the promise (part 2)

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Jesus fulfills the promise (part 2)

John 20:1-18

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1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   How does Mary come to recognize the risen Jesus, and what does he send her to do?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What does the resurrection prove about all God's promises?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you live this week because Jesus is alive?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you go and tell that Jesus is risen?

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✦ Pray

> *Jesus, thank you that you rose and are alive. Call me by name as you called Mary, and send me to tell the good news.*

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The task

Matthew 28:16-20

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   What does Jesus send his followers to do, and what power does he promise?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where is your Jerusalem, the near place you are sent first?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   What is one step you will take to be a witness this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is the first person you will witness to?

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✦ Pray

> *Jesus, you have all authority and send your Spirit's power. Help me be your witness where I am and to the ends of the earth.*

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The task

Acts 1:8

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The Holy Spirit

John 14:15-21

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2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus promise the Spirit will do, and what happens when the Spirit comes at Pentecost?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where do you most need the Spirit's help and presence?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you depend on the Holy Spirit this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell about the good news, trusting the Spirit's power?

3 Grow

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✦ Pray

> *God, thank you for not leaving me alone but sending your Spirit. Fill me with your Spirit and help me obey out of love for you.*

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DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-41

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1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does Jesus promise the Spirit will do, and what happens when the Spirit comes at Pentecost?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   Where do you most need the Spirit's help and presence?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you depend on the Holy Spirit this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who could you tell about the good news, trusting the Spirit's power?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you for not leaving me alone but sending your Spirit. Fill me with your Spirit and help me obey out of love for you.*

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Our identity as ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What has God made those in Christ, and what has he entrusted to them?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What would it look like to carry yourself as God's ambassador?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will you represent Christ to someone this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who needs to hear God's appeal to be reconciled to him?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you for making me new and giving me the message of reconciliation. Help me live as your ambassador to those around me.*

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The fulfillment of everything

Revelation 21:1-8

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. **What does this passage show me about God?**

   What does John see God promising to do in the end?

2. **What does it show me about people — and about myself?**

   What longing in you does this promise of no more tears touch?

3. **What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)**

   How will living toward this hope change one thing this week?

4. **Who will I tell?**

   Who is grieving or without hope that you could point to this future?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

✦ Pray

> *God, thank you that you are making all things new, and one day you will wipe away every tear. Help me live in hope of that day.*

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