

# Creation to Christ

## Four-Lesson Discovery Bible Study

### Lesson 1 – Creation and Separation from God

#### Introduction (taken from "Creation to Christ"):

There is only one God, and He is the Most High God. He existed in the beginning before there was anything else. The Most High God is the Creator. He created everything on earth and in heaven and is all powerful over everything. When God began to create things, He just used His words. He spoke and everything came to being. He created angels to worship and serve Him. They were very beautiful. He also created everything we can see -- the sky, land, water, mountains, oceans, sun, moon, stars, all plants and animals. Finally, He created man according to His image. God created man to enjoy all that He has created. God created everything and saw that it was good.

God placed the man and woman in a beautiful garden to live. They had a very good relationship with Him and with each other. He told them to take care of the garden and enjoy everything. He gave them a special command: they could eat from every tree in the garden except one. If they ate from that one tree, they would be punished and die. The man and woman listened to God and had a wonderful relationship with Him in the garden. *God created us to have a wonderful relationship with Him forever!*

**The Word of God:** "Separation from God." Read or Listen to Genesis 3.

#### Discussion:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about man?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a command to obey?

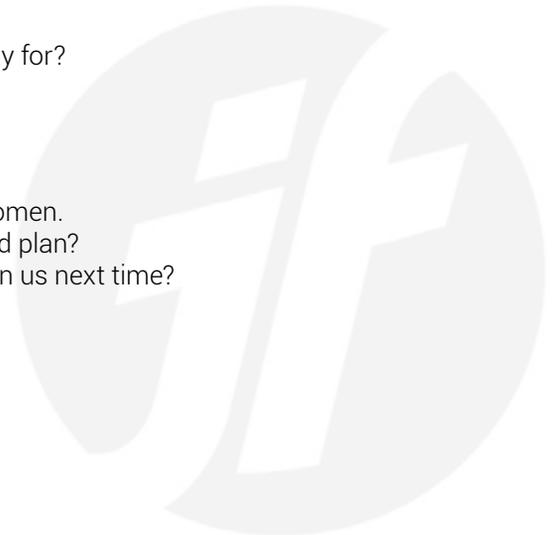
#### Closing Challenge (taken from "Creation to Christ"):

Like the first man and the woman, all people like us since then have sinned by not listening to God's commands and are separated from God. The result of sin is eternal punishment in hell. We cannot live forever with God as we were designed.

**Prayer:** How can we pray in response to this story?  
Do you have any personal needs we can pray for?  
(Be sure to pray "in Jesus' name.")

**Assignment:** With whom will you share this story?

**Looking Ahead:** God had a good plan to save all men and women.  
Do you want to learn more about God's good plan?  
Do you know someone who would like to join us next time?



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### Lesson 2 – The Ten Commandments

#### Review From Last Week

Can you tell me what you remember from last week's story?

Did you share the story with anyone?

#### Introduction (taken from "Creation to Christ"):

10 Commands: Over time, the number of people on earth multiplied. Yet God loved them very much and wanted them to have a relationship with Him. He gave them 10 commandments to follow. Remember God is perfect and holy, so we must be perfect and holy to live with him. The 10 commandments teach people how to relate to God and how to relate to people. Some of the commands were: do not worship other gods or make idols; honor your parents; do not lie, steal, murder or commit adultery. However, no one was able to obey all of these commands.

**The Word of God:** "The Ten Commandments." Read or Listen to Exodus 20

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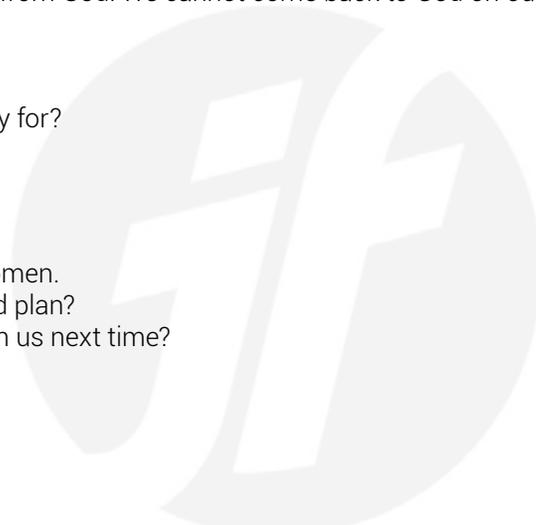
#### Closing Challenge (taken from "Creation to Christ"):

Sacrifices: So, each time they sinned, God allowed them to repent of their sins and offer a blood sacrifice to take the place of their punishment. This sacrifice was shedding the blood of a perfect animal like a lamb. If they would repent and offer the blood sacrifice, God would forgive them and let the animal die in their place. Only by the shedding of blood can a person's sin be forgiven. However, people kept sinning and the sin sacrifice became a ritual rather than something from their heart. God became tired of their insincere acts. People were still separated from God. *We cannot come back to God on our own no matter what we do.*

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### Lesson 3 – Jesus Raises a Man from the Dead

#### Review From Last Week

Can you tell me what you remember from last week's story?  
Did you share the story with anyone?

#### Introduction (taken from "Creation to Christ"):

God Sends Jesus: However, God still loved us very much. Therefore at just the right time, He gave us a perfect way to reconnect to Him. God sent Jesus to show us the way back to Himself. Who is Jesus?

Storm: Jesus was a powerful miracle worker. On one occasion, He was with some of His followers crossing a large lake on a boat. It was late at night. While Jesus was sleeping, a powerful storm arose on the lake. Jesus' followers were very afraid. They awakened Jesus and said, "We are about to die!" Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Immediately the wind and rain stopped. Jesus' power is greater than the powers of nature.

Feed 5000: On another occasion over 5,000 people came to listen to Jesus teach about God. When evening came they had not eaten and were hungry. Altogether they only had five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus used the five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over 5,000 people. Jesus' power is able to satisfy man's needs.

Demon-possessed Man: Another time, Jesus saw a man with many demons inside him. The man was very powerful and dangerous. Yet Jesus loved the man and cast the demons out of him. Jesus is more powerful than the evil spiritual world.

Raising the Dead: Finally, on another occasion, Jesus' good friend became sick and died...

**The Word of God:** "Jesus Raises a Man from the Dead." Read or Listen to John 11:17-44

#### Discussion:

- What do we learn about Jesus?
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### Lesson 3 – Jesus Raises a Man from the Dead (Continued)

#### Closing Challenge (taken from "Creation to Christ"):

What we learn from these stories:

- Jesus' power is greater than the powers of nature (The Storm).
- Jesus' power is able to satisfy man's needs (Feeding the 5,000).
- Jesus is more powerful than the evil spiritual world (Healing the Demoniac).
- Jesus' power is greater than death (Raising a man from the dead).

*Love: Jesus did all these things because He loves people and wants us all to come back to God.*

**Prayer:** How can we pray in response to this story?  
Do you have any personal needs we can pray for?  
(Be sure to pray "in Jesus' name.")

**Assignment:** With whom will you share the story of Jesus raising a man from the dead?

**Looking Ahead:** God had a good plan to save all men and women.  
Do you want to learn more about God's good plan?  
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## Four-Lesson Discovery Bible Study

### Lesson 4 – Jesus Dies on the Cross

#### Review From Last Week

Can you tell me what you remember from last week's story?

Did you share the story with anyone?

#### Introduction (taken from "Creation to Christ"):

**Perfect:** Unlike us, Jesus never sinned. He obeyed His Father in heaven perfectly. He alone never deserved to be punished.

**Cross:** Therefore most people loved Jesus. However, some religious leaders were jealous of Jesus. These men arrested Jesus and decided to kill Him. They placed Jesus on a large cross which is two large pieces of wood shaped in a "T". They took His hands and His feet and nailed them to the cross. His precious blood flowed from His hands, feet and body. Jesus suffered much pain on the cross.

**Substitute:** Jesus is the perfect sacrifice. Jesus was perfect and did not deserve to die. Instead, Jesus died for all mankind. God loves us and allowed Jesus to die on the cross in our place. Only through the shedding of Jesus' precious blood was God able to forgive our sin. Jesus' death demonstrates God's love towards us.

**Resurrection:** After Jesus died, he was placed in a secure tomb. However this story doesn't end here. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead and showed Himself to His followers! Then He returned to His Father in heaven. *Jesus took our punishment and now provides a way for us to come back to God!*

The Wandering Son: Before He left the earth, Jesus told a story to his followers about a father and his sons.

**The Word of God:** "The Wandering Son." Read or Listen to Luke 15:11-32

#### Discussion:

- What do we learn about Jesus?
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### Lesson 4 – Jesus Dies on the Cross (Continued)

#### Closing Challenge (taken from “Creation to Christ”):

Like the younger son with his father, because of our sin, we are all separated from God, our Heavenly Father. Only Jesus can lead us to God so that we can live with Him forever in heaven.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

\*\*Do you want to be reconciled to God through Jesus?

Question: You must go through Jesus to be reconciled to God. How can you do this?

The whole Creation to Christ story is summarized in one verse: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes [trusts] in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

To be reconciled to God, you must admit that you have sinned against Him and believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead. Place your trust in Jesus alone to save you from your sins and give you eternal life.

#### Prayer:

“God, I know you love me, but I have sinned against you. I believe Jesus became the perfect sacrifice for my sin. I believe that He took my punishment when He died on the cross. I believe that He rose from the dead to give me new life. I trust in Jesus alone to save me from my sin. Thank you for my new and eternal life as your child.”

**Assignment:** With whom will you share this story?

**Looking Ahead:** Now you know who Jesus is and why he came to the earth and how much he loves you. Next time we will begin to study the commands Jesus expects people to obey. Do you know someone who would like to join us next time?



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## All the Stories of the Bible as Crafted and Told by John Walsh

### Lesson 1 – Creation and Separation from God

From Genesis 2:25 – 3:24

This is a story from God's Word.

God created Adam and Eve and provided all they needed in the Garden of Eden. Like the animals, they had no need of clothes, yet they were not ashamed.

The snake was most clever of all the animals. One day he said to Eve, "Is it true God won't let you eat from all the trees in the garden?"

"Oh, we can eat from all the trees. That is, except for the one in the middle. God said that we aren't to eat that fruit or even touch it. He says if we do, we'll die."

"It's not true! You won't die. God told you that because he knows if you eat that fruit, you'd be like him – knowing good, as well as evil."

The woman looked at the fruit. It was beautiful and looked delicious. She thought, "If I eat this fruit, it'll make me wise." So she took the fruit and ate it. She then gave some to Adam and he ate it as well. Suddenly they realized they were naked. So they sewed some fig leaves together to make coverings for themselves.

As evening approached, they heard God walking in the garden. Suddenly, they realized they were afraid of God, so they hid among the trees.

"Adam, where are you?"

Adam knew he had to answer. He said, "Lord, I heard you walking in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked. So, I hid."

"Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat of the tree from which I told you not to eat?"

"It was the woman you gave me. She gave me the fruit, and ... yes, I ate it."

God turned to Eve, "Why did you do this?"

"The snake! The snake tricked me into eating it!"



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### Lesson 1 – Creation and Separation from God (Continued)

From Genesis 2:25 – 3:24

God turned to the snake and said, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the animals. From now on, you'll move about on your belly. There'll be hostility between you and the woman, and there'll be a battle between your offspring and hers. He'll crush your head, while you'll only bruise his heel."

Looking back at the woman God said, "Your pain will be great when you give birth to children, and having babies will be associated with pain. You'll want to control your husband, but from now on, men will dominate over you."

God said to Adam, "I made it very clear that you were not to eat from that tree. Because you have disobeyed, the ground is cursed. From now on, you'll work for your food, and the ground will fight against you. It'll sprout thorns and weeds. Hard work will mark your life until you return to the soil from which you came."

God dressed the man and his wife in clothes made out of animal skins. He then sent them out of the garden, where they worked the soil for their food.

God said, "People now know evil as well as good. They'll try to get to the Tree of Life so they can live forever." Therefore, God put a heavenly guard outside the garden.

From that day on, people were separated from the Tree of Life.



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### Lesson 2 – The Ten Commandments

From Exodus 19-20 and 24:

This is a story from God's Word.

The Israelites came to Mount Sinai three months after they left Egypt. They set up camp at the base, and Moses went up the mountain to talk with God. The Lord said, "Tell the people, 'If you obey me and keep my commandments, then you'll be my treasured possession. You'll be my holy people among all the nations.'"

When Moses told this to the people, they all agreed and said, "We'll do everything God says!"

So Moses went back up the mountain and told God that the people agreed to his conditions. Then the Lord said, "I want them to hear me talking to you so they'll always trust you. Tell them to spend three days cleansing their hearts and washing their clothes. Then I'll come down on the mountain and talk to them."

So the people did as they were told. They washed their clothes and dedicated themselves to the Lord. Suddenly, on the third day, the mountain burned with fire. The ground shook, and a cloud covered the entire mountain. There was thunder and lightning, and the people heard what sounded like trumpets that grew louder and louder.

Then God said, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt with a mighty hand!

You're not to worship other gods.

You're not to make idols of any kind.

You're to keep my name holy and not misuse it.

You're not to work on the seventh day, but instead, keep it holy.

Honor your parents and you'll live long upon the earth.

You're not to murder.

You're not to commit adultery.

You're not to steal.

You're not to lie to others or about others.

You're not to desire to have anything that belongs to someone else."

The people cried out, "Tell God to stop talking to us. We'll die if he keeps talking! Let him talk to you, and then you tell us what he said. We'll listen to you." Moses said, "Don't be afraid. God wants you to stand in awe of him, so you'll stay away from sin." Then Moses went up the mountain to talk with God.

God gave him detailed instructions on how the people were to live their lives and how they were to treat one another. God told how to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins. He also gave instructions on how to build the Ark of God, so he could live among his people. Finally, God gave Moses two tablets of stone with his laws written by the finger of God.

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### Lesson 3 – Jesus Raises a Man from the Dead

From John 11:1-53 & 12:9-11

This is a story from God's Word.

Lazarus, and his sisters Mary and Martha, lived about two miles from Jerusalem in a town called Bethany. Lazarus became extremely sick, so his sisters sent for Jesus. He was a friend of their family. They said, "Lord, your friend is sick."

Jesus waited two days after getting this message. He then said to his disciples, "We're going to Judea."

They said, "Lord, it's not safe to go there. The Jews are looking for you so they can kill you."

He said, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, and I need to go wake him up."

"Lord, it's good that he's asleep. It'll help him get better."

Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead! And it was for you that I didn't go sooner. What I'm about to do will help you believe in me. Now, let's go to Bethany"

Thomas said, "Well, we might as well go and die with him."

When they were almost there, they learned that Lazarus had been dead for four days. Martha heard that he was coming, so she went to meet him. "Lord, you could've healed my brother. He'd be alive today if you would've been here. I know all things are possible with you."

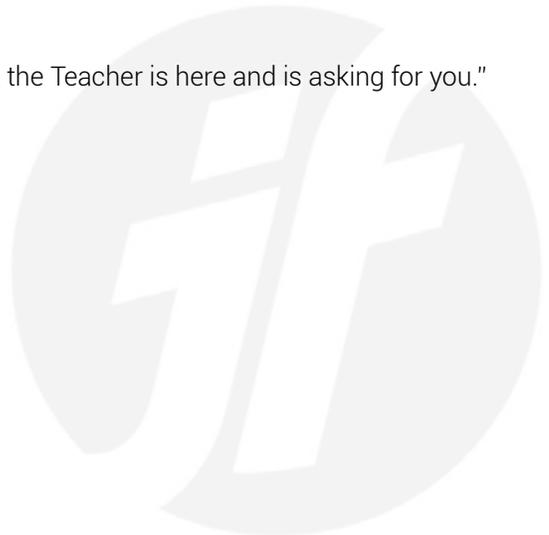
Jesus said, "Martha, your brother will rise again."

"I know Lord. He'll be a part of the resurrection in the last day."

Jesus said, "I'm the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even if they die. They will always be alive – forever. Martha, do you believe this?"

"Yes Lord. I believe you're the Messiah, the Son of God."

She then went back to their house and whispered to her sister. "Mary, the Teacher is here and is asking for you."



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### Lesson 3 – Jesus Raises a Man from the Dead (Continued)

From John 11:1-53 & 12:9-11

Mary got up and ran to Jesus, and others followed her. When she got to him, she fell at his feet. "Lord, my brother would still be alive if you had come sooner." She then started to cry.

Jesus was greatly moved when he saw Mary and the others crying. He said, "Where did you put him?" She got up to take him there. With that, Jesus started crying.

They took him to the place where they had laid the body, which was a cave with a stone across the entrance. When Jesus saw it, he said, "Take away the stone."

Martha stepped forward. "Lord, he's been dead for four days. By now, the smell will be great."

He turned to her, "Remember what I said? If you believe, you'll see the glory of God."

So, she stepped back, and men removed the stone. Jesus looked up and prayed, "Father, I thank you that you always hear me. Take this miracle and use it to help people believe that you sent me."

He then looked at the entrance to the tomb and shouted, "Lazarus, come out!"

All eyes turned to the tomb. Suddenly the dead man came out, still bound with linen cloth from head to foot. Jesus said, "Unwrap him and let him go."

Many of the Jews believed on Jesus that day. But when the religious rulers heard about it, they called a council. It was decided that Jesus must die before everyone believed in him. They also made plans to kill Lazarus, because his resurrection was causing so many people to turn to Jesus.



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### Lesson 4 – Jesus Dies on the Cross

From Luke 15:1-32 & Matthew 18:12-14

This is a story from God's Word.

The religious crowd was upset when they saw common sinners flocking around Jesus. They said, "He allows tax collectors and sinners to be around him. He even eats meals with them."

Jesus responded by telling them these three stories. He said,

"A shepherd owned 100 sheep. During the evening count, he realized that one of them was missing. So he left the ninety-nine and started searching for his lost sheep. When he found it, he put it on his shoulders and carried it home. He then called his friends and neighbors and said, 'Come celebrate with me. I found the sheep that was lost!'

"So it is in heaven. There is rejoicing when a sinner repents and turns his life over to God."

"A woman suddenly realized that one of her ten wedding coins was missing. She lit a lamp and carefully swept the entire house until she found it. She was so relieved that she called her friends and neighbors and said, 'Come and rejoice with me. I lost one of my coins, but now I have found it.'

"So it is in heaven. When one sinner turns back to God, there is rejoicing among the angels."

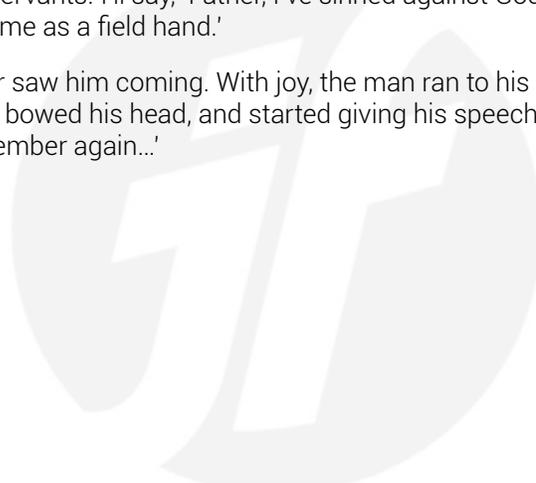
"A man had two sons. The younger one came to him and said, 'I want my inheritance, and I want it now. Divide up your estate and give me my share.' This made the father sad, but he divided his estate and gave each son his portion.

"The younger son left home and traveled to a far off place. He had wild parties and spent his money freely until it was all gone. Suddenly a severe famine hit the land, and he had no place to live and nothing to eat.

"He took a job watching over pigs. His hunger became so great he started to envy what the pigs were eating. He was totally destitute, and no one gave him anything.

"One day he said, 'I'm about to die of starvation, yet those who work for my father have enough to eat. I'll go back and humble myself before my father. I'll ask him to hire me as one of his servants. I'll say, 'Father, I've sinned against God and against you. I know I can't be a family member again, but please hire me as a field hand.'

"He started walking home. When he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. With joy, the man ran to his son and threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. The son pulled back, bowed his head, and started giving his speech. 'Father, I've sinned against God and against you. I know I can't be a family member again...'



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### Lesson 4 – Jesus Dies on the Cross (Continued)

From Luke 15:1-32 & Matthew 18:12-14

"The father called out to his servants, 'Quick, go get the best clothes and shoes, and put them on my son. Get a family ring for his finger.' He turned to some other servants. 'Go to the field and get the choice calf. We're going to have a feast tonight! My son was dead, but now he's alive. He was lost, but now he's found. We're going to celebrate!'

"That evening, the older son finished working in the field, and walked toward the house. He suddenly heard music and saw people dancing. He asked one of the servants.

'What's going on?'

" 'It's your brother. He has come home, so your father killed the choice calf and is celebrating. He wants you to join him.'

"The older son became angry and wouldn't go to the party. The father went out to him and said, 'Son, please come and rejoice with me.'

"The son was angry and said, 'I've been faithful to you all these years, and have done everything you asked. Not once did you kill even a small goat to honor my faithfulness.'

'But now, this scoundrel takes family property and gives it to prostitutes, and you reward him with a fatted calf.'

"The father looked at him and said, 'Oh my son – you've always been here, close to me. All that I have is yours. But your brother – he was dead! Now he's alive! He was lost! Now he's found! Come celebrate with me. Let's rejoice together.' "

