
The Story that Leads to Jesus

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See people transformed by Jesus

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning...

Revelation 22:5 ...and they will reign forever and ever.

The Bible: 43% — Narrative — 502 chapters
33% — Poetry — 387 chapters
24% — Discourse — 300 Chapters

The Bible is one, big story that leads to Jesus.

Luke 24:44-45 (ESV) Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything **written about me** in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV) But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to **make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus**. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in **righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Genesis 1:1-4 (ESV) In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV) Then God said, "Let us make **man** in our **image**, after our **likeness**. And let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created **man** in his own image, in the **image of God** he created him; **male and female** he created **them**.

What are humans for? To reflect His image and steward His world.

Genesis 1:28 (ESV) And God **BLESSED** them. And God said to them, "Be **fruitful** and **multiply** and **fill the earth** and **subdue it**, and have **dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

BLESSED means to be endowed with capacity to fulfill a vocation..

How will humans know how to rule the world well, discerning good from evil? By trusting God.

Genesis 2:15-17 (ESV) The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:1-6 (ESV) Now **the serpent** was more **crafty** than any other **beast** of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For **God knows** that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was **to be desired to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Humans fail at fulfilling their vocation and identity of being image-bearers: SIN.

John 5:39-40 (ESV) “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”