

Proving That This Jesus Is The Christ

Reading: [John 1:1-4](#)

Introduction

I have watched several movies in my day. Rarely have I watched one that I had not first found out the point of the movie. I do not have to see the ending first, but it is helpful to me to have some clue as to what's going on.

It may be that's why the book of John is the more widely read story of Jesus. It is pretty clear from the beginning what it's about and ends with the same point:

[John 1:1-4](#) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **In Him was life**, and the life was the light of men.

[John 20:30-31](#) And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing **you may have life in His name**.

The life of Jesus is a GREAT story; in fact, has been called **The Greatest Story Ever Told!**

- If you came here today to hear a good story on how to make your marriage better, **THIS** is it!
- If you came to learn how to be better with your money, **THIS** is the story!
- If you came to learn how to deal with problems, the story of Jesus **deals with problems!**
- If you came for parenting help, dealing with death, how to handle disease, you came to the right place because: The story of **Jesus is the answer** to whatever problem you have!

[Matthew 11:28-30](#) Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am **gentle** and **lowly** in heart, and you will find **rest** for your souls. **For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.**

Please do not think, however, that this story is told in just a minute or two. This story takes time! If we simply silently read the story from the shortest of the 4 gospels, it would take us a minimum of 15 minutes, out loud it would take longer, and to do any explanation or discussion of it... Well, let's just say it takes time and effort to read, study and understand this story.

I told the kids some stories on the way back from Lubbock just to pass the time. These were pointless stories. One was about "The Pink Polka Dotted Ping Pong Ball." It took 5 or 10 minutes to tell the story and at the end, when you thought the answers would come, there were no answers. It was just to keep them quiet for a few minutes and let them have something to think about for a few minutes. Needless to say, NOBODY, likes to hear a pointless story. We all ask either mentally or even out loud, WHAT IS THE POINT OF THIS STORY!

The Story of JESUS **HAS** A POINT. The point of the story is about you and me! The Story of Jesus, is different from most other stories, however, because HIS story starts before He was born. In fact, His story starts before **anyone** was born. That's why I want to take a little more time with this story. If you listen very carefully to this story, it will change your life!

So, today we'll start in the book of [Genesis](#): God had created the world in six days, rested on the seventh. In the process created all life on the planet. Chapter 2 gives a little more detail about the creation of the man and the woman. The man was called Adam and the woman was called Eve. He gave them basically 3 rules: Take care of the garden, be fruitful and multiply and don't eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Now let's read [Genesis 3:1-24](#)

1. Good, Pleasant & Desirable Are Not Always Good, Pleasant & Desirable When We Do What's RIGHT, G. P. & D. Are G. P. & D.

[1 Timothy 6:6](#) Now godliness with contentment is **great gain**.

When We Do What's Wrong, G. P. & D. Results In What Is Not G. P. & D.

- How did this affect their relationship with God? (us and God?): Fear, Shame, Separation
 - How did this affect their relationship each other? (as Husband and Wife)
 1. "Let the blaming begin!"
 2. Did he try to protect her? What was she thinking we she offered it to her husband?
 - How did this affect their relationship with their children? See Chapter 4!
 - How did this affect their view of life?
 1. sorrow
 2. pain
 3. power struggles
 4. work and toil and hardships
 5. death
 - What does this say about the quality of people we befriend?
- [1 Corinthians 15:33](#) Don't fool yourselves. Bad friends will **destroy** you. (CEV)
- [Proverbs 13:20](#) He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the **companion** of fools will be destroyed.
- What happens when we lose our innocence?
 1. We look at everything differently: people, possessions, our selves
 2. Can we get it back? From a worldly perspective: NEVER! Through Jesus, ABSOLUTELY!

2. Jesus Is Good, Pleasant And Desirable

How Does This Story Have Anything To Do With Jesus?

- What if I told you, "He was THERE!" Would you believe me? Look:

[Genesis 3:22](#) Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of **Us**..."

[Genesis 1:26](#) Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness..."

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- Jesus was part of the promise to the Serpent
- [Genesis 3:15](#) And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between **your seed** and **her Seed**; **He** shall bruise **your** head, And **you** shall bruise **His** heel."
- Later we will read about Abraham's Seed (Here it is in short form)
- [Genesis 22:18](#) "In your **seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed..."
- [Galatians 3:16](#) Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "**And to your Seed,**" **who is Christ**.

I'm Telling You Today About JESUS!

- Everything is wrapped around HIM: life, death, sickness, health, riches, poverty, race, gender, age, youth, popularity, enemies, marriage, divorce, friendship, family.
- He is King, He is Lord, He is Savior, He Is Redeemer, He is Judge, He is Advocate, He is God...
- and let me tell you, NO ONE else is!
- It is through JESUS that anyone will be saved, it is without him that anyone will be lost!