



Series: Genesis
Passage: Genesis 1: 1-5
Title: God Creates the Universe
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Discussion Starter – What is it about the statement “God Created the Universe” that is not often truly understood?

The Continuum – (Genesis 1)

- What makes verse 1 so foundational for the rest of the Bible? What danger is there in not taking everything in the Bible at face value? Proverbs 14:12, Romans 1:16-17
- What are some ways that people try to combine the Bible with “science”, and why is that the wrong way to build a belief?
- What three things came into existence in verse 1, describe each and the relevance of all occurring at once.
- What is the description of the Big Bang Theory and what problems does it have supporting itself? Is it scientific?
- What would you say to someone who says, “who created God” or “what was *before the beginning* of verse 1”?
- What is the significance of using the Hebrew word “bara” for created?
- What is the Hebrew word used for God in verse 1 and why is that significant? What other names for God are used throughout the Bible and why was this name chosen here?
- Read Colossians 1:15-17: What insight do we gain about Christ and the creation? What is significant about “Everything was created through Him and for Him” and how should that shape our Christian walk?

God is Active in His Creation - (Genesis 2-5)

- Read John 17:5: What do you understand about the history before Genesis 1 after reading the Colossians and John passages?
- What is the first law of thermodynamics and how does it apply to the theory of evolution and the “big bang theory” as compared to the biblical truth of Creation?
- What is the second law of thermodynamics (entropy) and how does it apply to the theory of evolution and the “big bang theory” as compared to the biblical truth of Creation? Read Isaiah 51:6, Rev 21:1. What additional insight are gained from these verses?
- Read Job 38:4-7: Who are the “morning stars” and “the sons of God” and describe how you picture the scene before and during creation. Was this section of scripture with God speaking to Job meant to condemn Job or to comfort him?
- What does verse 3 say about the omnipotent power of God’s Word? How should that effect our lives when we turn to God’s Word? How much of the light spectrum is visible to us and how does that speak to you about our limited understanding about God and His creation?