



WEEK 1 | THE PROMISED MESSIAH | NICK CARNES

All Scripture is in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), unless noted differently.

Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden’?” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. ³ But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴ “No! You will certainly not die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:7-9 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

Genesis 3:10-13 And he said, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.” ¹¹ Then he asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” ¹² The man replied, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ So the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Genesis 3:14-15 So the Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

Psalms 72:8-9 May he rule from sea to sea and from the Euphrates to the ends of the earth. ⁹ May desert tribes kneel before him and his enemies lick the dust.

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like cattle, but the serpent's food will be dust! They will not do what is evil or destroy on my entire holy mountain," says the Lord.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

1 John 3:8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Genesis 3:21 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

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This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain new insights?
2. How does the story of the Choctaw Nation helping the Irish during the Great Hunger help illustrate God's character in Genesis 3? What similarities do you see between the Choctaw showing compassion in their own suffering and God showing mercy to Adam and Eve on "humanity's worst day"?
3. Why is it significant that God's first response to Adam and Eve after they sinned was not condemnation, but a question: "Where are you?" What does this reveal about God's heart toward sinners? How has God "called out" to you in moments when you hid in shame?
4. Genesis 3:15 is known as the protoevangelium—the first announcement of the Gospel. How does this promise shape your understanding of Christmas?
5. The sermon explained the idea of two "offspring" or two "seeds": the seed of the serpent (unbelief) and the seed of the woman (redeemed humanity). How does this biblical theme help us understand the spiritual battle between light and darkness in the world today?
6. Genesis 3:21 shows God clothing Adam and Eve with garments of skin—an act that foreshadows the covering provided by Christ. How does this deepen your understanding of grace? In what ways has God "covered" you in your life—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally?