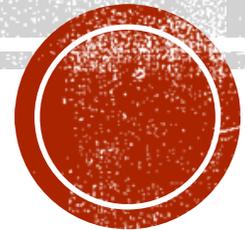


# FCCB CATECHESIS

Creation, Attributes of God and Christology



# CREATION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ya12I036lg>



Is there a discrepancy between what  
Scripture say and Science?



Scripture answers who and why

Sciences helps answer when and how



# PROBLEMS WITH THEORY OF EVOLUTION

- Rarity of transitional forms
- Cambrian explosion – found that transitions were too rapid for Darwin's theory
- Development of complex organs (e.g. human eye not the result of random, slow changes)
- Existence of harmful mutations
- Origins of first living cell cannot be explained



God revealed through nature and Scripture



# WHO?

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”

Who created? **God**



# GENESIS 1

God created all things

Creation is good











# NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made, of the same essence as the Father. Through Him all things were made.

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# WHY?

- Not because he needs us

Acts 17:24-25 “The God who made the world and everything in it ... is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything”

Psalm 8:3-4 “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?”



# WHY?

Because He loves us

So that we can share in His joy

So that we can reflect His glory

So that we can be the object of His affection

(Zephaniah 3:17 and Isaiah 65:17-19)



# NEW CREATION

Isaiah 65:17-25

See, I will create new heavens and a new earth... I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

Revelations 21

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.



# JESUS TOOK PART IN CREATION

John 1:1

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John 1:14

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us”



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Colossians 1:16

“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been **created through him (who) and for him(why).**”



# CHRISTOLOGY



WHO IS JESUS?



Jesus is Fully God

and

Jesus is Fully man



# JESUS IS GOD

- Scripture tells us that Jesus is God (John 1:1)
- Jesus tells us that he is God  
(John 10:30 – I and the Father are one)



# JESUS IS GOD

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg - or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



# JESUS IS GOD

- Jesus forgives sins (Mark 2:7)
- Jesus says and does only what God the Father says and does (John 14:9-10)
- Jesus as Ancient of Days (Revelation 1, cf Daniel 7)
- Metaphors used for God in OT used for Jesus in NT
  - Jesus as bridegroom (Mark 2:19, cf Isa 62:5)
  - Jesus as Shepherd (John 10:11, cf Psalm 23)
- Jesus was sinless (Hebrews 4:15)



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# JESUS IS MAN

- Jesus was born of a woman
- Jesus grew in wisdom and stature (Luke 2:52)
- Jesus ate (Mark 2:15)
- Jesus slept (Mark 4:38)



Jesus did **not** give up his divinity when he became man

He gave up the outer manifestation of his glory



# PHILIPPIANS 2:6

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”



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WHY DID JESUS BECOME  
HUMAN?



# WHY DID JESUS BECOME HUMAN?

For our salvation



# WHY DID JESUS BECOME HUMAN?

John 3:17

“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him.”



# SALVATION

By God's grace

Through faith



# SALVATION

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

Colossians 2:13

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ.”



# RESURRECTION

Acts 2:24

“But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.”



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