



Smith Rock  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Finding  
*Christmas*

Sermon notes  
and  
study guide

For the week of  
6th December 2020



# The Origin of Christmas

Genesis 3:1- 24 or page 2 in a church bible.

## Main points

### 1. E \_\_\_\_\_

*7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."*

Genesis 4:7 (ESV)

### 2. E \_\_\_\_\_

*14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14 (ESV)

### **3. E** \_\_\_\_\_

*9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

John 10:9–10 (ESV)

### **4. E** \_\_\_\_\_

*128 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 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. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV)

# WHAT NEXT?



**What have you heard God say to you this morning and what are you going to do with what you heard?**

**What was the main point of the sermon?**

**What stood out for you in this text.**

**What is one thing you are going to do with what you  
heard this next week**

*3 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'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 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.' " 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 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. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.*

*8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

*14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,*

*cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.*

*15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

*16 To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in child-bearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.*

*Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”*

*17 And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;*

*18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.*

*19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

*20 The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.*

*22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”*

*23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.*

*Genesis 3:1–24 (ESV)*

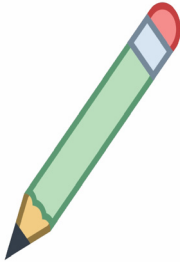
# Sermon notes

*for kids*

Favourite song today



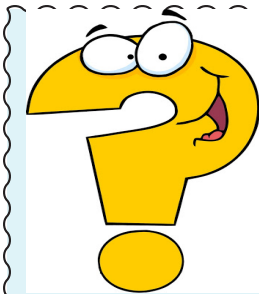
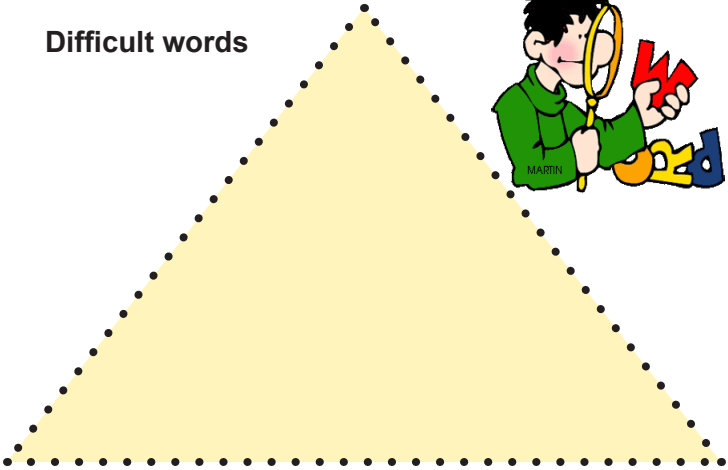
Draw a picture from the sermon





NAME OF THE BOOK

Difficult words



Questions

Today I learned

Four horizontal lines for writing, located in a light orange rectangular box.



**Further study for *Groups and individuals***

**Review**

Look back at last week's sermon notes and take a moment to review what you wrote you were going to take action on.

How did it go? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think it will be hard to "find" Christmas this year?

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Where will you look for it? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your favourite Christmas traditions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you know their origins and is that important? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do so many people long for the "spirit" of Christmas but are never able to find it? \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain how what happened in the garden is foundational to why we need Christmas? \_\_\_\_\_

The snake questions God's character and His work. Compare how the woman responds (vs 2-3) and what God actually said (2:16-17). \_\_\_\_\_

Why are we not content to be God's "creatures," but our desire is to be like God? \_\_\_\_\_

Read 1: John 4:1-6. How can we test the voices we hear?

In what way did Adam and Eve die? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever hidden because of something you said or did? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do we want to hide away? \_\_\_\_\_

What is God's reaction to Adam and Eve's hiding and indeed ours? \_\_\_\_\_

How much responsibility did Adam and Eve own for their actions (vs 12-13)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is honesty about our actions and motives key to the fulfilment of Christmas? \_\_\_\_\_

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The consequences for the snake is God's curse, and for Adam and Eve hardship, pain and struggle in their purpose. Between the snake and its offspring and Eve and her offspring there would be continual strife. Describe how these conditions exist today? \_\_\_\_\_

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Yet in the midst of this disaster and the ensuing consequences is the promise of Christmas, a "seed" from the woman will bruise the head of the serpent.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-28, 45 - 49, Romans 5:12-21, Revelation 20:1-3, 10.

Describe who the seed of Eve is and how He will "bruise" the head of the serpent. \_\_\_\_\_

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*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

*2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

*3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,*

*4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

*5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

*6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.*

*7 The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

*8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's  
den.*

*9 They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the  
knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*

Isaiah 11:1–9 (ESV)

