

Week 1 - Creation

Throughout the course of this season, we are going to talk about big events in history that dramatically changed the world. These events are very important for us to see how things changed and to understand where we are right now in history.

Today we will talk about the first big event. The first big event on our list is actually the very first event that ever happened in the whole world: **Creation**.

The first event at the beginning of time was the creation of the universe. God was the only one there and decided He wanted to make something for His own glory. **Genesis 1:1** gives us an easy-to-remember sentence that summarizes this big event. It says, **“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”**

God created the heavens and the earth out of nothing. God is so powerful that He didn't need materials for His masterpiece! He is so powerful that all He had to do was speak and it would happen! When God said that He wanted there to be light, all of a sudden, light appeared. When He wanted there to be dry land on the earth, He spoke, and it happened. When He said He wanted birds and fish to be in the air and sky, they were made right in that moment. For five days, God spoke and things happened on the earth exactly as He wanted.

Then on the sixth day, something changed. God made all the animals on the earth by speaking, but then He changed his pattern and created something in a very different and special way. The sixth day was when God created man.

God created the first man, Adam, out of the dust of the ground. He formed the man carefully and intimately instead of just speaking it and watching it happen. God created man differently to show how man was different. God had something special in mind when He created man. **God created us to be with Him.**

God created Adam in a way to show the rest of His creation “this one is special”. God gave the man authority to rule over the rest of creation and to represent God as he would do it. God wanted a relationship with mankind, and that is important for us to remember even today.

When God created everything in six days, He said that it was good. God is perfect and only tells the truth. He made everything just the way He wanted and just the way it should be. And on the seventh day, God rested.

God's work in the creation of the heavens and the earth was amazing! It was the starting point in all of time. Everything changed in the instant that God spoke. He showed His incredible power and His astonishing, artistic creativity. And God also showed His intent to have a relationship with mankind. That's where we will pick up the story with big event #2 next week.

Discussion Questions:

- Where in the Bible can we read about how God created?
- What does creation teach us about God?
- Why did God make man differently than everything else?