

The Greatest Story: The Drama of Scripture

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While the Bible is a library of books written over thousands of years by many different authors, it tells one unified story that resolves a major plot conflict first introduced in the Garden of Eden. The story starts in Genesis with the well-known words, “in the beginning”, and comes to a happily-ever-after conclusion in Revelation when John exclaims, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people and He will dwell with them... there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away”.

Scripture tells us that God created the earth to be inhabited by His “image-bearers” who were supposed to fill the earth with God’s goodness and character. But instead of being good stewards of God’s creation, the opposite happened and throughout the entirety of the Bible we see examples of how mankind continually rejects God, vandalizes His good creation and does harm to each other. The Bible story is about resolving this conflict so that all the earth will be filled with God’s glory as He originally intended.

Our classes this week will explore the grand story of the Bible from beginning to end paying special attention to how the story can be viewed as drama presented in six acts:

Act 1: Creation and Man's Responsibility to Bear God's Image

Act 2: Man’s Rebellion and the Subsequent Fallout

Act 3: God's Covenant with Israel

- Scene 1: God chooses Abram to Bless the Nations
- Scene 2: Israel's Royal Failure
- Scene 3: The Prophets and the Promised Messiah

Act 4: Jesus and the Kingdom of God

Act 5: Sharing the Gospel: Making Disciples of All Nations

Act 6: The Return of the King