

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

CSI: Examining the Evidence of Creation

5. Telling What Happened

1 Peter 3:13-18

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For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (Rom 1:20)

Key Points:

1. The Bible is God's TRUTH

If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. (John 5:46)

2. Observation fits Creation – The World “Makes SENSE”

3. Evolution makes many ASSUMPTIONS / Leaps of Faith

But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?” (John 5:47)

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Our Opportunity:

1. Defend our faith

2. Proclaim the Gospel

3. Rely on the Word (confident that it's True)

a. Reject all forms of COMPROMISE

The “Battle”:

1. Has been around a LONG TIME

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³*First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ⁵But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. (2 Peter 3:3-6)*

2. Why Does it Keep Coming Back?

a. God's Law and Our Response (Gen. 3:1-6):

i. CURB

ii. Mirror

iii. Guide

3. Theory of Evolution Leaves People HOPELESS

4. Our Response: (1 Peter 3:15)

Resources:

www.creationministries.org (most of the slides I showed in wks 1-4)

www.LHMmen.org (5 week video-based study)

www.AnswersInGenesis.org (Great wealth of creation science)

www.icr.org (more resources on creation research)

www.faithfacts.org/evolution-or-creation (see book resource-list)

www.intelligentdesign.org (for more about intelligent design)

www.creationtoday.org (see the Creation Today video show)

www.creationmuseum.org (Museum in KY honoring the Bible)

www.livingwaters.com (for witnessing tracts)

www.creationresearch.org

www.origins.org

lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=1103

The Case for A Creator by Lee Strobel, Zondervan 2004

Children's Book: "The Real Story of the Creation" by Paul Maier

For Reflection / Action: What have you learned about evolutionary theory during these 5 weeks? What have you learned about the Biblical account of Creation? Which best fits the evidence that science finds? Who do you know that will not believe in God because of their "faith" in evolution? How can you open a dialogue with them about this topic without appearing confrontational? What is the Truth that they need to hear? What is the underlying cause of their resistance to Creation as taught in the Bible? What words of hope and meaning can you share with them?

All Scripture, unless otherwise noted, is taken from the "New International Version" (NIV).
Sermon Outline based on "Out of Nothing" Bible Study (Lutheran Hour Ministries, Men's Network)



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¹⁴ *Alexander the coppersmith* *did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.* ¹⁵ *Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. (2 Timothy 4:14-15)*

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(Mark 8:31)

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“Darwin is liked by evolutionists because he liberated science from the straitjacket of observation and opened the door to storytellers.” - David Coppedge, (Source: Speaking of Science, Creation Matters, May/June 2003. Csama.org).

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“When you and I stop *doubting* God's Word, then we can start *delighting* in God goodness and power!” – Pastor Augie

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“I used to think that mountains of evidence from science and history, logically presented, was all that was necessary for men to see and understand the truth about God.



Then I read my Bible. The Spirit alone
gives life to spiritually dead people.
While all the evidence does support the
Scripture (and none contradicts it),



it is the Spirit of God that overwhelms the soul with the truth of the Bible's words and opens the door to the world of the Spirit. And when that happens, blind men see things that sighted men cannot.



With the eyes of faith, we can see Heaven and it's glories, Hell and it's horrors, and behold our wonderful Savior, exalted and seated on the throne, ruling, reigning, and worthy to receive all blessing, honor and glory forever.



I thank God for my friends who remind me to look with my "spiritual eyes" as much as my natural ones."



