

## **“Seeing Jesus in Genesis”: Genesis 1-3**

**Intro:** *I thought we didn’t get to Jesus until the New Testament.* Oh no. Jesus is in the Bible from the very beginning.

In fact, he’s there from *before* the beginning!

- First, some Old Testament...Greek: **γένεσις** (*genesis*): “origin, source, beginning, generation—how things came into being”
- And Hebrew: **בָּרָא** (*ba-ra*): “create” only God gets this verb

### I. Seeing Jesus before Creation

- a. Jesus proclaimed his own transcendence Jn 8:58; 17:5
- b. God chose us in Christ before creation Eph 1:4
- c. He was chosen before creation 1 Pet 1:20

### II. Seeing Jesus in Creation

- a. John 1:1 echoing Genesis 1:1 is no accident!
- b. Jesus is the Word of God in creation Jn 1:1-3
- c. Jesus oversees all of creation Col 1:15-17

### III. Seeing Jesus in Adam

- a. Jesus’ genealogy connects them Luke 3:23-38
- b. God’s image Ge 1:27; Col 1:15; 2 Cor 3:18
- c. Jesus is “the last Adam” 1 Cor 15:45-49

### IV. Seeing Jesus in the Garden of Eden

- a. Who did Adam and Eve hear “walking in the garden”?
  - i. Gen 3:8; Luke 19:10; Mark 2:17
- b. The first gospel (*protoevangelion*) in Gen 3:15
- c. The first sacrifice—and shed blood—to cover sin

**Close:** So, how do we know all this is true? By faith (Heb 11:3), which is also created in us by God’s Word (Rom 10:17) when he shines his light in our hearts (2 Cor 4:6).