

## In the Synagogue With Jesus – Week 2

1. Jesus did not enter life with full wisdom
    - a. Philippians 2:7 - Though fully God, he “laid aside his privileges as God” when he became human
    - b. Luke 2:52 – he ‘grew in wisdom’ as we must – by studying the Scriptures
  2. **Week 2 - The Torah reading – Genesis 2:4-25** - a different, ‘second creation account’?
    - a. Chapter divisions did not exist when Jesus studied Scripture
    - b. Matthew 19:3 – Jesus quotes Genesis 1:27 and 2:24 as one sentence
    - c. Genesis 1 is from the perspective of heaven – God is the central figure
    - d. Genesis 2 is from the perspective of the man whom God created
  3. Highlights (a BRIEF – and incomplete - summary)
    - a. Verse 4 – “This is the account (these are the generations of)” – marks divisions in the book of Genesis (2:4, 5:1, 6:9, 10:1, 11:10, 11:27, 25:12, 25:19, 36:1, 36:9, 37:2)
    - b. Verse 5-9 – The plants, though created, had not yet sprouted or appeared – just as believers are not yet made perfect but are in the process of becoming perfect – yet God regards us as if we were already made perfect in Christ
    - c. Verse 10-14 – Creation occurred not long ago and not far away
    - d. Verses – 15-17 – God’s rules were meant as protection, not as a ‘test of obedience’ (James 1:25 and 2:12 – the ‘law that makes free’)
  - e. Verses 18-25 – Humans were designed to need and be nourished by community, starting with the basic unit – the family
    - i. Fellowship with God was not meant to take the place of human society
    - ii. Animals, though a blessing, were not made to meet this need
    - iii. Human fellowship is an example of the fellowship God has within himself as Trinity
    - iv. Human fellowship is founded on
      1. Shared nature (‘bone . . . and flesh . . . ’)
      2. Shared tasks (‘a companion suitable for helping him’ CJB)
      3. Total openness and honesty (‘naked {body and soul} and unashamed’)
4. **WHAT HAPPENED?** Stay tuned next week!
  5. How is this chapter used by Jesus and the Church?
    - a. **Matthew 19:3-4** – Creation principles still apply and we are accountable to them
    - b. **Ephesians 5:24-33** – Physical creation teaches Spiritual truths, if we have the insight to see
  6. As with Chapter, we see that without Genesis we have no solid foundation, and no protection from the errors that result regarding
    - a. Defining the family
    - b. Defending the sanctity of human life and the inherent value and purpose of every individual
    - c. Proper respect for the environment
    - d. Our accountability to God
    - e. God is our life; there is no life apart from Him