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PATTERN
OF THE KINGDOM



The Kingdom of God



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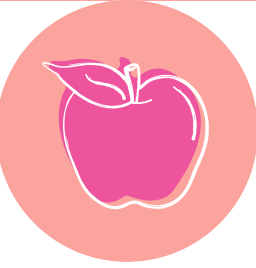
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Metanarrative



- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Restoration



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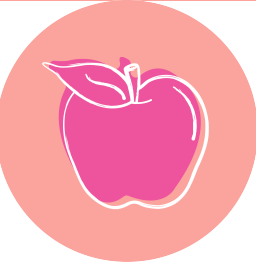
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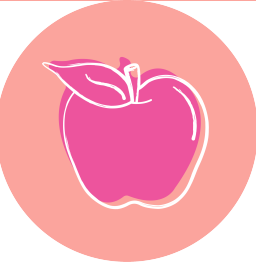


Context



The Words and World that surround a text.





Who Wrote Genesis?

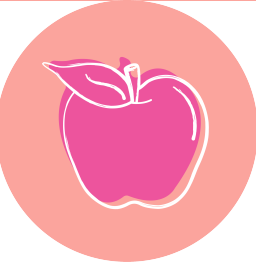
- Moses - around 1450 BC

Who Was It Written To?

- God's People - Israelites



What Is The Environment?



- God's People were in slavery
- Moses has lead them out
- Now they are wandering through the desert



What is the Purpose of the Creation Account?



- In hard times, to remind Israelites of the God they serve
- Shows God's Nature

This should leave us in AWE!



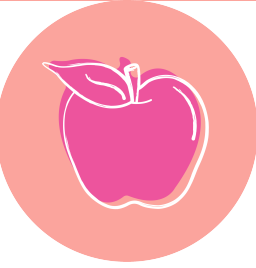
Why Should We Be In Awe Of God as Creator?



- God is so powerful he created it all **OUT OF NOTHING!**
- Ex Nihilo – Latin, “Out Of Nothing”



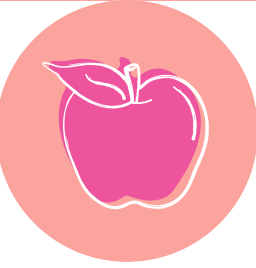
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“Created” = Bara

Verb only ever used with God



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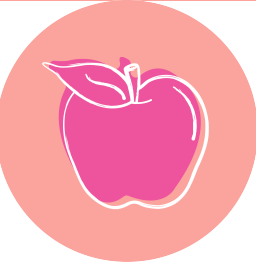
- He is ETERNAL – always existed

“In the beginning (God creates TIME)...”

- God lives outside of time and sees all of time at once.



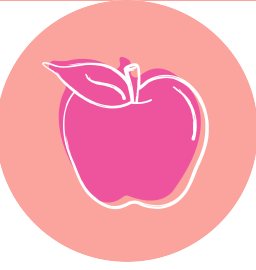
Psalm 90:2



“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”



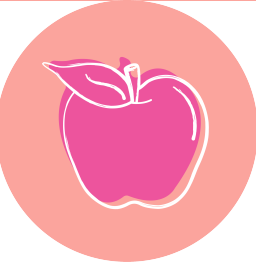
2 Peter 3:8



“...with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”



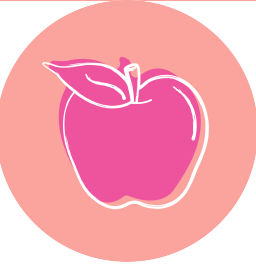
Who Is This God?



- “In the beginning, God (SINGULAR) created...” (Gen. 1:1)
- “Spirit of God” (Gen. 1:2)
- “Let us (PLURAL) make man in our (PLURAL) own image....” (Gen. 1:26)

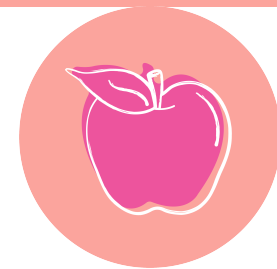
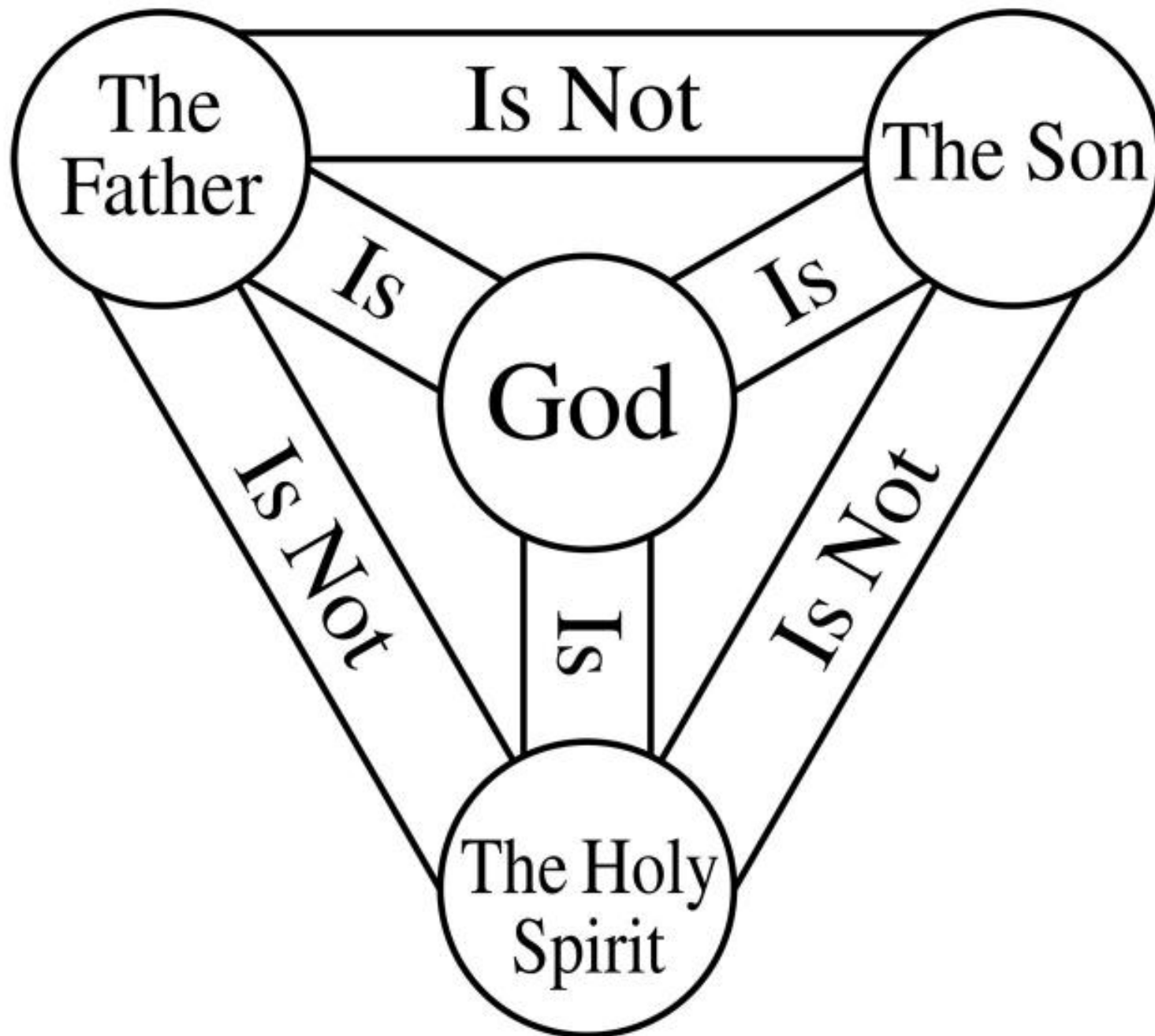


Our God is Triune

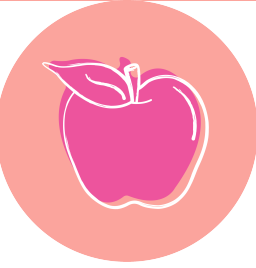


- The Trinity: Three persons – One God
- The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit
- Each person is FULLY God





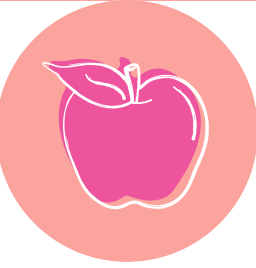
Colossians 1:16



“For by him (JESUS) all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones of dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him (JESUS) and for him (JESUS).”



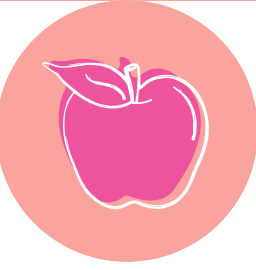
Recap Of Creation



- Day 1: Day and Night
- Day 2: Sky
- Day 3: Land and Plants
- Day 4: Sun and Moon/Stars
- Day 5: Sea Creatures and Birds
- Day 6: Animals and People



How Did God Create?



- By the power of His WORD
- “And God said...”/“And it was so.”

God Spoke. Creation Happened.



Recap of Genesis 1:26-2:25



- 6th Day of Creation – Gen. 1:26-31
- 7th Day of Creation – Gen. 2:1-3
- Chapter 2:4 and on - Focused account of 6th Day



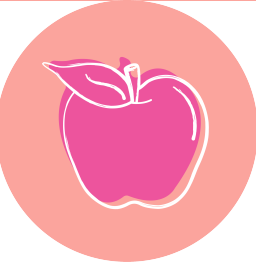
Recap of Genesis 1:26-2:25



- The first person created, Adam – Gen. 2:7-8
- Adam is given a commandment – Gen. 2:16-17
- It is “not good” that Adam is alone – Gen 2:18
- God creates the first woman, Eve – Gen 2:21-23



We Are Made In God's Image



We Represent God on Earth

We reflect God's Image in 3 ways:

- Who We Are
- The Relationships We Have
- What We Do



Who We Are



Who we are reflects God in the way we....

- Think
- Our Morality



The Relationships We Have

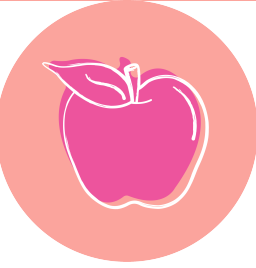


The Relationships We Have Reflect God

- Our Relationship with God
- Our Relationship with Others



What We Do

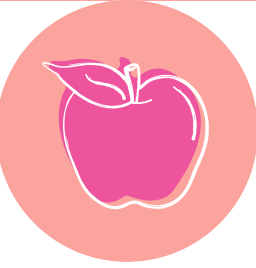


What We Do Reflects God

- Dominion over creation



Jesus Connection



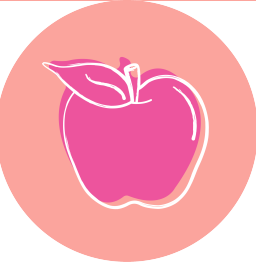
Sin has marred our ability to reflect God.

By looking to Jesus we are...

- given the example of perfect image bearing
- made new



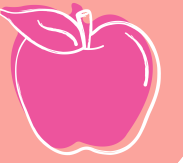
7th Day of Creation - REST



- The goal of creation is REST.
- Adam and Eve lived in Perfect Relationships – at Rest.



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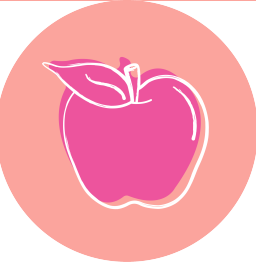
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Matthew 11:28



“Come to me, all who labor and
are heavy laden, and I will give
you **REST.**”

-Jesus



NEXT MEETING!



1st Thursday in February!

February 7th

