
Life Group Questions / April 5, 2026

All Things New
3 – The New Creation Dawning
Various Scriptures



1. In Genesis 2:7 we read of the creation of Adam. In what way is humanity different than the rest of the creation? Why is it so hard for us to imagine what the Garden of Eden was like and what eternity will be like?
2. Read John 20:1-18 together and pause at the moment that Mary Magdalene hears Jesus say her name. Why is this such a powerful and profound moment? Review the quote by Andreas Köstenberger in the notes and discuss how this is indeed the moment that “the world is about to be turned upside down.”
3. See Romans 6:5. What keeps us from enjoying the rest that God has provided us through being united with Jesus in his death and resurrection? What should you do about it?
4. “The normal Christian life,” as Pastor Todd called it, is both that initial expression of faith in Christ and the ongoing transformation that happens in our lives as believers. What should a Christian be experiencing in an ongoing way as they walk with Christ through the years? See 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Hebrews 10:14.
5. Look at the long quote by C. S. Lewis. Take a few minutes to think about the ways we are “far too easily pleased” and pray for one another to rest more fully in what Jesus has done for you and to long for what is yet to come both in this life and in eternity.

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Text: John 20:1-18, Genesis 2:7, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Revelation 21:1-5

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Though I was dead, Jesus raised me to life...

...as it had been at creation (Genesis 2:7)

...by the power of his resurrection (John 20:1-18)

1 Corinthians 15:14

The cross of Christ only triumphs in the breast of believers over the devil and the flesh, sin and sinners, when their eyes are directed to the power of his resurrection.

- John Calvin

The world is about to be turned upside down. New creation is about to break into the midst of this old creation, and nothing will ever be the same.

- Andreas Köstenberger, The Final Days of Jesus

Why would the apostles lie? Liars always lie for selfish reasons. If they lied, what was their motive, what did they get out of it? What they got out of it was misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, torture, and martyrdom. Hardly a list of perks!

- Peter Kreeft, Handbook of Christian Apologetics.

Romans 6:5

The best news of the Christian gospel is that the supremely glorious Creator of the universe has acted in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection to remove every obstacle between us and himself so that we may find everlasting joy in seeing and savoring his infinite beauty.

- John Piper, God is in the Gospel.

...renewing what had been lost (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Philippians 3:10-11

Hebrews 10:14

2 Corinthians 5:17a

...with the promise of so much more. (Revelation 21:1-5)

Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

- C. S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory