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Then, the time came for the offering of the Lamb of God, to restore mankind back to the fellowship Adam had with Him in Eden. He could have stepped into that body that He had used so many times before, and come to earth as an adult to be taken and crucified. But He chose to start from the beginning, as baby, a child, a teenager, and an adult, to find out what it was like to be a man. So, His Spirit was placed in a seed, within the womb of a sixteen-year-old girl named Mary, and Mary became the incubator for a seed that was neither Jew nor Gentile, it was Almighty God. ***'God was in Christ, reconciling the World unto Himself.'*** (2 Corinthians 5:19). How much of God? ***'For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.'*** (Colossians 2:9). All of God.

So He went through birth. Then He trusted His survival into the hands of a teenage girl, to feed Him and protect Him, and he learned about all those odd things that neither He nor Angels had ever experienced before. He found out what it was like to be so hungry that His stomach cramped with pain. He found out how good bread tasted after a hard day's labour, when His muscles ached as if He'd been tortured.

He made friends as a boy, and then as an adult, friends He trusted, friends He loved. And He learned about the unbearable ache in the heart, and the sorrow of the last goodbye, when His friend Lazarus died, and ***'Jesus wept.'*** So, all those questions of the past 4000 years were being answered.

But sometimes the Spirit in Him would override the flesh it inhabited. He cried, ***"Peace***

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***be still,"*** and the wind and the waves obeyed their Maker. He called His friend Lazarus back to life. He took a few loaves and fish and multiplied them to feed a multitude. The world of Man, and the world of God had touched. Then came death. Painful, wretched, sorrow – filled death. The agony, the tears. The result of that first sin in the Garden. He suffered it for Love. With that, He had experienced *all* that men and women could experience.

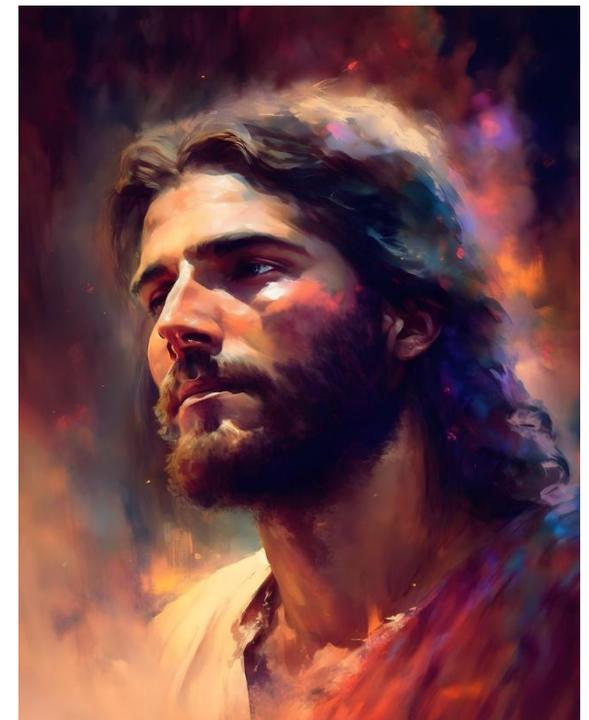
Our Creator isn't someone who's watched us from afar. He knows the pain of toothache. He knows what it's like when you can't make ends meet. He knows the euphoric joy of love, and the intense grief of death. Now He knows *why* we do those things we do, He understands, because He's been here, He lived it.

Christianity is not a religion. It's a love-story, between Him who ***'so loved the world,'*** and us, the men and women of this earth. He was willing to wrap Himself in a robe of flesh to live among us as a man, and suffer torture and crucifixion, to atone for the sin that separated us from Himself in the beginning. He restored friendship and fellowship. We, the men and women of this earth always were, and always will be, the love of his life.

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# His Story

This is the story of the One who  
***'So loved the world,'***  
and the love of His life, the  
men and women of this earth.



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**'In the beginning God...'** (Genesis 1:1). In the beginning there was *only* God, alone in Eternity. Then He created Angels. Hebrews 1:14 tells us they are **'ministering Spirits,'** servants and messengers. But He wanted someone who was *not* a servant, someone who was completely free to make all their own decisions, with no strings attached. Only then would they be free to *want* to know Him if they chose to, because they would have the option of ignoring Him, or even fighting against Him if they so desired.

So He created the man, Adam, in His own image. The part of Adam created in the image of God was his spirit, because **'God is a Spirit.'** (John 4:24). The Lord wanted Adam to have the best life he could have, in the best place he could live, so He began to create the Universe, and the Earth, and all that is upon it. Each time He created something new, He looked on it and said it was **'good,'** or even **'very good.'** It was perfection, the Paradise everyone dreams about.

Then the Lord wanted to put this man Adam into this Paradise. So, He took some of the earth and formed a body from it, and He placed that spirit called Adam into the body, and we are told that Adam became a **'living soul'**. (Genesis 2:7). Now, Adam could see this Paradise, touch it, smell the fragrance of the flowers, taste and eat the fruit. Then the Lord created a body for Himself and stepped into It, and they walked and talked together, God and Man as friends.

Psalms 115:16 tells us **'The heaven, even the heavens are the LORD'S: but the earth hath He given to the children of men.'** This Earth wasn't

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the Lord's world, it was Adam's world. As they walked among the animals He asked, "What do you want to call this hairy creature?" Adam replied, "A Camel." "And this one?" "Monkey." "This one?" "Lion." And Genesis 2:19 tells us, **'whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.'**

But, as Adam walked in this Garden, he felt something was missing. He was alone, as the Lord had been alone before Creation. So, the Lord took a rib from Adam and made another body from it. Then He took the feminine part of Adam's spirit, and placed it within this body, and breathed into it the breath of life. So, Adam was completely masculine, and this other body was completely feminine. Adam called her name Eve, and they lived together in the Garden of Eden, the perfect couple, in the most perfect place. Now, it truly *was* a Paradise.

But, there was another creature in this Garden, one who could also talk. Beautiful to look at, he was the Serpent, and the Serpent *beguiled*, or seduced Eve. So, sin entered the Garden. Sin, evil Sin, now marred perfection, and the Holy righteous God could not live with sin; so the Man, the Woman, and the Serpent, were expelled from the Paradise. This was the beginning of Man's separation from his Creator, and all who were born after this, were born outside Eden, separated from Him.

As Mankind ventured away from Eden, the further away they got, the more evil they became, until, by the time of Noah, **'And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the**

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**thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.'** (Genesis 6:5).

Having free-will gives us the choice to do the greatest good that any man or woman is capable of doing. But it also gives the Hitler's, the Stalin's, the Osama Bin Laden's, the choice to fulfil all the evil desires that fill their hearts.

All the time that *this*, our story, was going on, so, His story was going on also. He was revealing Himself to Mankind, the love of His life. When He wanted to reveal Himself to a man named Abraham, He stepped back into the body that He had inhabited in Eden, and visited Abraham's tent with two Angels. He ate the meat of a calf with Abraham, drank milk, and walked and talked as He had in the Garden with Adam.

Four hundred years later, a man named Moses was called, a friend of God. Moses asked to see the Lord personally, so the Lord stepped back into that body and Moses saw the back of Him. He used that Body again, and again. As the Lord and Angels were observing men and women, He would ask, "Why are they doing that?" But the angels didn't know. They had no idea what men and women were going through. He saw parents stealing bread out of the hands of their hungry children. He saw people fight desperately with all they possessed to hang onto life, while others, being tortured would beg to die in desperation, as their tormentors ignored their pleas for mercy. This is what the Lord had created, but it was all so foreign to Him, He had expected better things from us. He couldn't say it's, **"very good,"** any longer.