



The Gospel for Every[one] Storyline: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration

Act 1: Creation

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **Genesis 1:1 (NIV)***

Act 2: Fall

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

Romans 5:12-14 (NIV)

Act 3: Redemption

*But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! **Romans 5:15-17 (NIV)***

Act 4: Restoration

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:1-5 (NIV)



Reflection Questions:

- 1) What lenses do you look at the world through?
- 2) What stories have informed the way you look at life?
- 3) Which of those stories are the most helpful? Which are the most harmful?
- 4) Which of the 4 Acts are the most intriguing to you?
- 5) Which of the 4 Acts are most confusing to you?
- 6) Where do you see creation, fall, redemption, and restoration happening in your life?
- 7) How does this framework help the way that you look at things?
- 8) How does the Gospel for Every[one] story inform the stories we tell?
- 9) What story do you want to tell this week?