

THE STORY OF THE NEW HUMANITY

A WILD PLACE

HUMANITY IS STILL IN EXILE FROM THE GARDEN, BUT JESUS IS THE NEW HUMAN WHO INVITES US BACK IN.

THROUGH THE WATER

MATTHEW 3:11

JOHN THE BAPTIZER CAME, PREACHING IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDEA...

I INDEED BAPTIZE YOU IN WATER FOR REPENTANCE, BUT HE WHO COMES AFTER ME... WILL BAPTIZE YOU IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

BLESSING

JESUS SPENDS HIS ENTIRE MINISTRY BRINGING GARDEN BLESSINGS TO PEOPLE

COVENANT

MATTHEW 26:28

JESUS TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE TO THEM, SAYING,

ALL OF YOU DRINK IT, FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

GARDEN

JESUS IS THE NEW GARDEN - THE NEW TEMPLE WHERE GOD'S HEAVENLY PRESENCE INTERSECTS WITH EARTH. HE GIVES US HIS SPIRIT SO WE CAN BE "IN HIM" AND SO HE CAN BE IN US. WE GET TO PARTNER WITH JESUS IN THE ORIGINAL GARDEN MISSION TO FILL EARTH WITH GOD'S WAY OF LIFE.

TESTING

1 PETER 1:6-7A

PETER, AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST, TO THE CHOSEN ONES...

...YOU HAVE BEEN GRIEVED IN VARIOUS TRIALS, THAT THE PROOF OF YOUR FAITH, WHICH IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD THAT PERISHES EVEN THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY FIRE...

THE REVEAL

1 PETER 1:7B

...MAY BE FOUND TO RESULT IN PRAISE, GLORY, AND HONOR AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.

PROMISE

BEFORE JESUS ASCENDED, HE MADE THIS PROMISE:

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.

GARDEN CITY

REVELATION 21:2-3

GOD GIVES JOHN A VISION OF NEW CREATION.

I SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD... I HEARD A LOUD VOICE OUT OF HEAVEN SAYING,

GOD'S DWELLING IS WITH PEOPLE, AND HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM, AND THEY WILL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE WITH THEM AS THEIR GOD.