

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Origins - Part 1

Jesus, Creator of Heaven and Earth

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies entitled Origins. Our topic today: Jesus, Creator of Heaven and Earth

New Scripture Song: "Behold, Bless the LORD" Psalm 134

Prayer

- 1) In the beginning God created
 - a) Genesis 1:1
 - b) Hebrews 11:1-3
 - c) We can create using material that already exists: examples?
 - d) Only God can create ex nihilo "out of nothing".
- 2) Creation testifies of its Creator
 - a) Psalm 19:1-3
 - b) Romans 1:19-20
 - c) What examples have you seen of creation testifying about its Creator?
- 3) Created by the Word of God
 - a) Jeremiah 51:15-16
 - b) Psalm 33:6,9
 - c) The Law of Conservation of Matter and Energy states that the total amount of matter and energy in the universe remains constant. How was it possible

- for God to violate this law of nature by creating the universe ex nihilo?
 - d) Imagine the power of God utilized to bring the universe into existence. How do you respond to the inspired testimony of David in Psalm 8:1,4?
- 4) By Him all things were made
 - a) John 1:1-3, 14
 - b) Colossians 1:15-16
 - c) Some say "Jesus is the Creator of heaven and earth." Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
 - d) What are your thoughts about a Creator who loves you so much He would enter into His creation to bring you healing and hope?
- 5) Jesus demonstrates God's creative power
 - a) John 2:1-11
 - b) John 6:1-14
 - c) John 9:1-7 (8-34)
 - d) John 11:1-4, 21-27, 38-44
- 6) Discussions questions:
 - a) Why have you chosen to believe in a Creator God rather than explain the origin of life as a remarkable sequence of "anthropic coincidences"?
 - b) What can you do to encourage others to believe in a loving Creator?
 - c) How can you build a bridge of understanding to someone who has rejected the idea of a Creator?
 - d) Can a person be saved without believing in God as Creator?