

Thinking Deeply

Christ & Creation

INTRO: *Despite centuries of agreement and influence, the Church finds herself under attack (from inside and out) for its literal interpretation of Genesis 1-2. Are these attacks valid? This morning we explore a Biblical response to these attacks using Jesus as our primary resource.*

I. Genesis 1-2 reveals how God _____ everything.

God used Moses to communicate world history and Israel's role in it, as revealed in the Old Testament book of Genesis (Beginnings).

II. Some people (including *professing* Christians) interpret the creation account of Genesis 1-2 in

_____ - _____ ways. *There may be others, but two modern attempts exemplify the challenge faced by the Church: theistic evolution and myth.*

III. Jesus validated the _____ interpretation of creation in Genesis 1-2. *Here are several reasons how.*

A. Jesus' creative _____. *Jesus was present and active "**in the beginning**" (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-17).*

B. Jesus' human _____. *Jesus (the incarnate Second Person of the Triune Godhead) **descended** from Adam.*

C. Jesus' authoritative _____. *Jesus affirmed the inspired revelation (Matthew 19:4-5) and did not **accommodate** his audience or placate their ignorance.*

D. Jesus' Adamic _____. *This is in contrast to the "first Adam" of Paul's argument in 1 Corinthians 15:45.*