

In the Beginning...

On Sundays in 2022 we're going on a journey through the Old Testament, **Searching For The King**. Our journey begins where every great story begins...

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1)

But how? **How** did he create? There are six days described in **Genesis 1** on which God created, and at the beginning of each description:

"And God _____..."
(1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26)

God said, and there was. God said, and it was so.

- ★ **Day 1:** _____
- ★ **Day 2:** the expanse (sky)
- ★ **Day 3:** _____, plants, trees
- ★ **Day 4:** sun, moon, stars
- ★ **Day 5:** birds, _____ creatures
- ★ **Day 6:** land animals, _____

But what does this have to do with our **search for the King**? Listen carefully to how the apostle John introduced his Gospel (**John 1:1-5, 9-10, 14**):

In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the Word _____ God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made _____ him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the _____ was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

And the Word became _____ and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Our King was there, **"in the beginning."** Let's talk about what that means...



For Class & Family Discussion:

- Why does it matter whether or not we understand that the world and humanity have a Creator?
- God said, and there was. God said, and it was so. How should this impact how we think of our Creator?
- The writers of the New Testament often reinforce the role of God's Son in creation. Let's read these passages carefully and talk about them. What do we need to understand from:
 - **1 Corinthians 8:4-6?**
 - **Colossians 1:15-17?**
 - **Hebrews 1:1-4?**
- In **John 17:1-5**, Jesus made an incredible statement in prayer to the Father about what was **"before the world existed."** How does this help us understand passages like **Genesis 1:26** where God said, **"Let us make man in our image..."**?
- If our King was **"before the world existed,"** what does that mean for us today?