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THE MAIN POINT: Once God walked with human kind in the Garden of Eden.

Now he comes again as one of ruined humanity -- to give it re-birth.

1-V1-2 Before the _____ of this universe we live in, Jesus Christ -- here called the _____, already existed. "He was _____ God, and he _____ God. He was in the beginning with God (the Father)."

- God's name Yahweh means: **I AM.** I am the one who always was, always is, and always shall be -- before all time and space and after it --- if that should be.
- Jesus is the ultimate speaking or communication of God. He is an illustration of God in a human life. "For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body." (Colossians 2:9) When we see Jesus, examine His character and works, and meditate on His Words, we see God the Father. Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30) "He that has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:9) (Hebrews. 1:3)

2-V3 How much did Jesus, the Word of God, create? _____

- According to Genesis 1 everything was created by God saying, "Let there BE . . . !!!" The further revelation of the New Covenant is that it was God the Son who walked this Earth. Jesus of Nazareth was the one who spoke the words of creation. He comes now to give a second birth to the sin-damaged, death-doomed, original creation.

3-V4 In Jesus was _____, the biological energy that indwells living things. The life that he came to impart was a doing the second time. The first creation was when "The Lord God formed a man's body from the dust of the ground and breathed into it the breath of life. And the man become a LIVING PERSON." Genesis 2:7

- The word in Greek is ZOA. It generally refers to the life energy that fills all living things. Our word "zoo" comes from Zoa. A zoo is a place where living creatures are kept for display. The opposite of life is the death of the organism.

4-V4 This life gives _____ -- it creates and illumines the souls of every human being.

- Human kind is not only alive biologically, it is alive as God, who does not have a body, is alive, as a spirit, a self-conscious, thinking, feeling, creating, personality. There is a light within the body. When a person is born again, the dried up, lifeless spirit is rekindled.
- The Greek word for light is PHOS. Our word phosphorus comes from phos. Phosphorus is used to make light. It is an ingredient of a match. Light is a way of speaking of the energy of creation. When the Lord spoke over the nothingness and darkness at the beginning, He said, "Let there be light" on the first day of creation. He created the sun and moon, the light of this planet on the fourth day. So it is evident he is not speaking of

them. On the first day he was releasing divine power, energy to create a spiritual universe. Before the beginning, "The earth was empty, a formless mass cloaked in darkness. And the Spirit of God was hovering over its surface. Then God said, 'Let there be light.'" Genesis 1:1f

5-V5 Jesus comes as the "light of the inner world of men and women." What was the condition of people before Jesus came?

- SKOTIA - Greek for "the absence of light." It can be the absence of life. For example, when a living creature dies, we say the "light has gone out of their eyes." It can be the presence of the devil and evil things - life destroyers, death bringers. (John 10:10) (Heb. 2: 14-16) It speaks above all of the darkness in a sin-dominated soul, the natural condition of the human soul in a world in rebellion against God. "The light from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. They hate the light because they want to sin in the darkness." John 3:19-20

6-V6-9 Who was the messenger who came to introduce Christ to the world of men and women? _____ He said he was not the light, only a _____.

7-V10 What happens to people whose souls are still dead when they see Jesus Christ? _____ Even the Jews, his _____ people who had the prophecies and hope of the Messiah, would not _____ Him.

8-V12-13 What will Christ cause to happen to people who want to believe in Him and choose to accept Him when they see Him in some way although they sense it means a radical change in their life? _____

- Jesus makes it possible to go back and be like humanity was before the fall. That is, like God in our personality and like Jesus in our physical body. (Genesis 1:16-17) We are made in the likeness of Jesus Christ actually. When He was raised as a glorified man, He was manifesting the pattern used to create us, and now we will be like Him. (1 Corinthians 15:42-49) "Just as we are now like Adam, the man of the earth, so we will someday be like Christ, the man from heaven." V49

9-V14 Jesus becomes like us so that we can become like Him. We have bodies and souls and an earth ruined by sin. We choose it and it's on us. It cannot be canceled - only taken off us and put on another member of the human race. So the Word became _____. He took on human flesh and blood and bone - and spirit and soul.

- The Greek word for flesh (human) is SARXZ. Sarxz is literally the material that

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covers the bones of a man or animal. Jesus was a "true" man who had to eat and drink and sleep to stay alive in the body like the rest of us. There has always been a line of false teaching cropping up in the church - that Jesus was ghostlike - that He only appeared to have sarx. The scriptures give no room for this lie.

Our salvation depends upon Jesus being in us in every way (Romans 8:7, Hebrews 2:14-16) He entered into what we are in every way to transform every part of us, body and soul. He became as we are, tempted yet never sinning - remaining a perfect man - to die a death - a perfect sacrifice to satisfy the requirements of the law that the wages of sin is death of body and soul. (Heb. 4:15, Romans 6:23)

He became the "Lamb of God" sacrificed on the cross to take away sin and rise from death in a glorified body. The first born of many brothers and sisters.

WHAT DOES THIS SCRIPTURE SAY TO YOU? _____