

## NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH PREP SCHOOL LESSON


### Creationism vs. Evolution Part 3

We have learned about the theory of evolution and have started learning about Creationism, the Bible's explanation about how and where the human race began.

**Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

**Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

We also learned that there is no physical proof that we can use to decide where humans come from. So, no matter what we believe to be true, it requires FAITH. Faith is confidence or trust in a person or thing. We dug into the Bible and saw prophecies from the Old Testament. Then, we saw how Jesus did exactly what the Old Testament said that the Savior would do. He did this hundreds of years later! This wasn't like a fortune cookie that said, "You will be successful in all that you do". These were specific details about Jesus' life hundreds of years before He came to earth!

DICE CHART		
ROLL		PROBABILITY ↗
2		1/36
3		2/36
4		3/36
5		4/36
6		5/36
7		6/36
8		5/36
9		4/36
10		3/36
11		2/36
12		1/36

Did you do the dice experiment? Remember that the odds of an event happening are called "probability". If you look at our chart the odds of rolling 2 sixes is 1 out of 36 rolls. The reason we learned this is because we are going to see how impossible it is for a human, alone, to have written the Bible. We looked at some prophecies in the Old Testament that gave the Jews details of what to look for when the Savior came to earth. Then, we saw how verses written later about Jesus' life specifically fulfilled those predictions!

Did you look up the additional verses that I put at the end of the last lesson? Well, if not, don't you worry; we are going to look at some of them now. Let's remember why we are doing this. If the Bible was truly written BY GOD through men, then we need to believe the Bible's story about where humans come from is the TRUTH! God cannot lie. God is perfect and can't make a mistake. So, if He put His thoughts into the minds of the men who wrote the Bible, then those words were straight FROM GOD. So, when we are done you won't say that you believe in the Bible just because your mom thinks so. You will truly believe that God wrote the

Bible and you will want to read it every day! You will get excited to read it! Not only that, if you are at school and the teacher teaches evolution, you will know in your soul that it is just NOT TRUE!

**Isaiah 53:12** *Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors. (Prophecy)*

**Mark 15:27-28** *They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. (And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors.") (Prophecy Fulfilled)*

Let's say that being crucified next to a couple of transgressors has the probability of happening of 1 in 100.

**Zechariah 12:10** *I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. (Prophecy)*

**Psalms 22:16** *For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. (Prophecy)*

**John 20:25-27** *So the other disciples were saying to him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.' After eight days His disciples were again inside and Thomas with them, Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach here with your finger, and see My hands, and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.' (Prophecy Fulfilled)*

Crucifying criminals, as punishment, was fairly new at this time in history. So, we will say that the probability of Jesus being crucified was about a 1 in 1000 chance, which is a low number for this prophecy. Imagine if someone wrote 700 years ago that someone would be "electrified in a chair" as a form of punishment. Now, that isn't amazing to us NOW but there was NO electricity back then. So, that would have been pretty amazing. It is the same for crucifixion. Who would have imagined someone being nailed to a cross? The writer would normally talk about whatever type of "punishment" was around at the time they wrote the verse. For example, let's say they threw rocks at them until they died (that is called stoning). For them to say that the Savior would be "stoned to death" would have been normal in that day and age. But they stated there would be 'piercing' of His hands and feet

when this was unheard of! This is a good example of God speaking to men and them writing down what He said!

**Psalm 34:20 He keeps all his bones, not one of them is broken. (Prophecy)**

**John 19:32-33 So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. (Prophecy Fulfilled)**

They broke the legs of the other two men, but NOT Jesus' legs. Do you think this is a coincidence or do you think God wanted to show off a bit? He wanted to make sure that we have NO DOUBT that God wrote the Bible. Okay so we will give the chances of Jesus not having any bones broken a probability of 1 in 20. Again, this is low because as you can see, it was normal to break their legs as a custom when criminals were crucified.

**Amos 8:9 "It will come about in that day," declares the Lord God, "That I will make the sun go down at noon and make the earth dark in broad daylight." (Prophecy)**

**Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. (Prophecy Fulfilled)**

The Jewish timetable is not the same as ours. Their day was from "sunrise to sunset", not a specific amount of time. So, they take the amount of time the sun is up and they divide it by 12. Each one of those parts is considered an "hour". So, if the day Jesus was crucified, the sun came up at 5:00 a.m. and the sun set at 8:00 p.m., the total time of daylight is really 15 hours. That is 900 minutes. The actual hour for that time of year is 75 minutes long not 60 minutes, as we know it. SO, the 6<sup>th</sup> hour of the day is actually 450 minutes after the sun rose. That is NOON!!! The likelihood of it becoming dark in the middle of the day at exactly noon, or the sixth hour, is about 1 in 50. Again, kids, we are using low probability numbers. We are not exaggerating!

**Psalm 16:10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. (Prophecy)**

**Mark 16:6-7 For he said to them, 'Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here. Behold, here is the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter, He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.' (Prophecy Fulfilled)**

Now what number should we use here? No one had ever risen from the dead!! Again, we don't want to exaggerate so we will use 1 in a 1 million chance. Now let's look at these 9 prophecies alone. [There are over 300 prophecies in the Bible, but don't worry we will not go to all of them :o)] If we total the probability of just these 9 prophecies we come up with 1 out of 5 with 21 ZEROES! If we were to take

20 of the 300 prophecies we would have a probability of 1 out of 1 with 175 zeroes! This shows us, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God wrote the Bible. Therefore Genesis 1:27 and 2:7 tell us the TRUTH about the human race and where we came from!

Now, it is up to you to choose what you will put your faith in- the theory of evolution or creationism! I know which one I will choose!