

# Two Gardens: A Storyweaving of Genesis and the Gospels

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- V1        In the beginning...
- V2        In the beginning...
- V1 & 2    There was Light.
- V1        In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
- V2        In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.
- V1        Then God said, "Let there be light!" And there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.
- V2        What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- V1        In the beginning...
- V2        In the beginning...
- V1 & 2    There were Two Gardens.
- V1        The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east. And there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- V2        Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."
- V1        And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may eat freely of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."
- V2        Then Jesus withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but thine be done."

- V1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of the tree of knowledge your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- V2 Then Jesus came to his disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "So could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial. The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak."
- V1 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.
- V1 & 2 MY will be done.
- V1 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.
- V2 Judas, one of the twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd with swords and clubs. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.
- V1 & 2 THY will be done.
- V1 The man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."
- V2 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."
- V1 The Lord God sent the man forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a sword, flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.
- V2 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.
- V1 & 2 In the beginning...
- V2 There was Light.
- V1 There were Two Gardens.
- V2 Two Gardens?
- V1 No, not two...

there were Three Gardens.

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying—one at the head, the other at the feet.

- V2 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
- V1 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"
- V2 Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!"
- V1 She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.""
- V2 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.
- V1 In the beginning, there was light, and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- V2 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.