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## **Genesis 4:1-8 & Luke 2:8-20**

# The Curse

## Genesis 3:14-16

<sup>14</sup> So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,  
“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! ...<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”



# Genesis 3:14-16

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,

“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;  
with painful labor you will give birth to children.

Your desire will be for your husband,  
and he will rule over you.”



**Eve brings a child into a broken world**

## Genesis 4:1-8

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.”<sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

## Genesis 4:1-8

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering – fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

## Genesis 4:1-8

<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

**Mary brings a child into a broken world who  
will fix it**

## Luke 2:8-20

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

They may not rear small cattle (because they damage the sown fields) in the Land of Israel, but they may rear them in Syria or in the wildernesses that are in the Land of Israel.

~Mishnah, Baba K. vii. 7.



Cattle found all the way from Jerusalem to Migdal Eder, and in the same vicinity in all directions, are considered, if male, as whole-offerings, and if female as peace-offerings.

~Babylonian Talmud, 80 a.



But these were in all likelihood very special shepherds. We have already seen how in the Temple, morning and evening, an unblemished lamb was offered as a sacrifice to God. To see that the supply of perfect offerings was always available the Temple authorities had their own private sheep flocks; and we know that these flocks were pastured near Bethlehem. It is most likely that these shepherds were in charge of the flocks from which the Temple offerings were chosen. It is a lovely thought that the shepherds who looked after the Temple lambs were the first to see the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

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<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,  
the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to  
Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which  
the Lord has told us about.”

## Luke 2:8-20

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Cain

vs.

Jesus

~Ajay Thomas, Seven Mile Church



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**Killed for the unrighteous**

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:6-8)

Cain

vs.

Jesus

**Punished for his sin**

“And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.”  
(Genesis 4:10-13)

**Punished for other’s sins**

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Cain

vs.

Jesus

### **Driven by pride**

“In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.”

(Genesis 4:3-5)

### **Humbled Himself**

“Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

(Philippians 2:5-8)

Cain

vs.

Jesus

**Hated his brother**

“Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.” (Genesis 4:8)

**Loved those who hated Him**

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.” (Colossians 1:21-22)

Cain

vs.

Jesus

**Given grace in spite of his sin**

“If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.

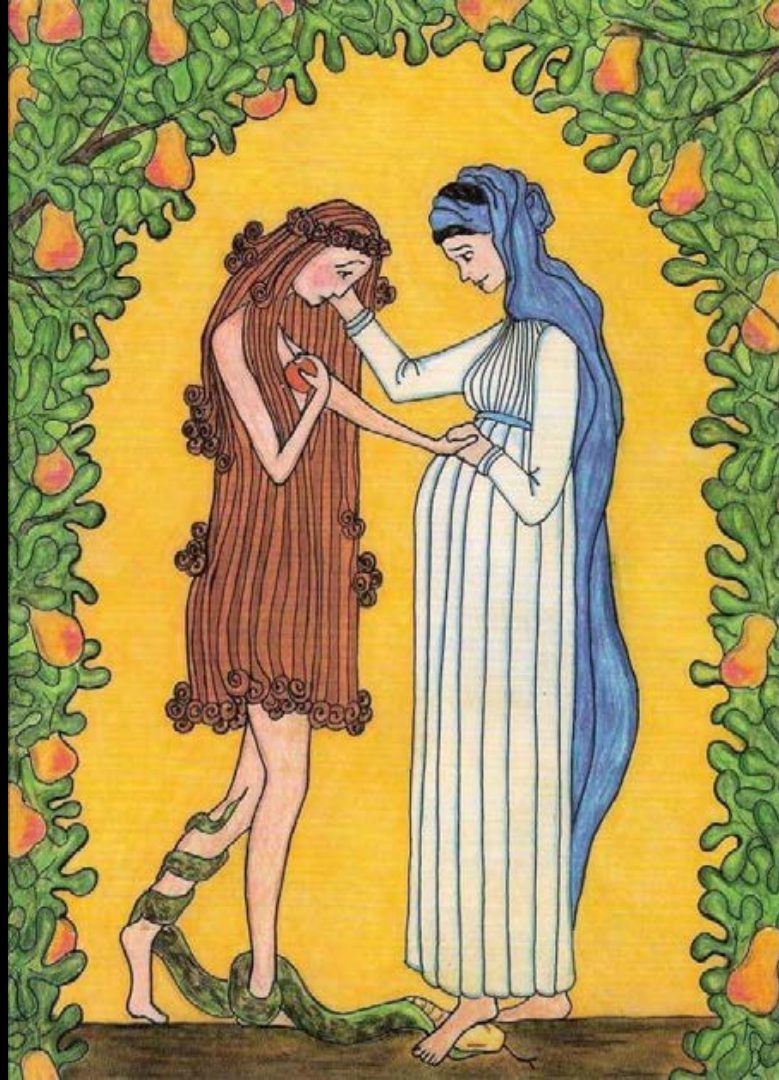
And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.” (Genesis 4:15)

**Gives grace in spite of our sin**

“But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died

through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.” (Romans 5:15)





“My Mother, my daughter,  
Life-giving Eve,  
Do not be ashamed, do not grieve,  
The former things have passed away,  
Our God has brought us to a New Day.  
See, I am with Child.  
Through whom all will be reconciled.  
O Eve! My sister, my friend,  
We will rejoice together  
Forever  
Life without end.”

Grace Remington, a Cistercian Sister of Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey,

# John 1:1-6,9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

# Gospel Application

*Glory to God in the  
Highest! Who gives  
us The One who  
will defeat Death!*

