

# ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS

## ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS IN THE GARDEN – PART 1

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- Christmas is the unfolding story of how God overcame the devastating effects that death has on humanity and creation. (Genesis 2:4 NIV)

### The Modern Problem of Reading Genesis:

- Scientism: the view that only scientific claims are meaningful.
- Philosophical Naturalism: the view that nature is all that exists, therefore God cannot exist because He would be beyond nature. (Genesis 2:5-9; 15-18 NIV, Genesis 3:1-7 NIV)
- Death destroyed the four vital relationships with God, self, others, and creation.

### How Does God Overcome Death?

1. He gives us life Himself (Jesus). Will you receive it? (John 1:4-5 NIV, Galatians 5:22-24 NIV, John 10:10 NIV)
2. Jesus died to kill death. Will you receive it? (Acts 5:30 ESV, 1 Peter 2:24 ESV)

**Soul-tattoo:** Review your sermon notes every day this week and pray for insight and transformation.