

Man Defied God: The First Sin¹

The Unifying Story

There is a central idea— **"One Story"**—that runs through the pages of Scripture. God used **"One King,"** the Lord Jesus, to redeem, rescue, and restore creation and humanity so that his kingdom might return to earth and man might rule and reign with him forever.

Session Theme – The Fall

Humanity's Choice

- Volition
 - o It is absolutely necessary for humans to have the ability to make their own choices in order to rule on God's behalf.
 - o *Being a free moral agent was always a part of God's plan for humanity. It reveals the ultimate truth that to live for God you must do it with all your heart, soul and strength.*

- Satan's Attack
 - o Satan attacks Adam's and Eve's view of God by _____ God's word. (Gen 3:1-5)
 - o The final attack is on their ego- making _____ with God something they should desire.
 - o It wasn't only the fruit that was tempting but what the fruit would _____ them to do.

- Man's Decision
 - o Eve decides to eat the fruit first. What would have happened if Eve ate but Adam decided not to?

¹ The title of this lesson is taken from Michael J. Vlach, *The Bible Storyline: God's Unstoppable Plan to Defeat Evil, Restore Creation, and Establish His Kingdom on Earth*, (Cary: Theological Studies Press, 2025), 20.

- o Adam was wrong for several reasons, but what was the first responsibility Adam neglected during this temptation? Did Adam and Eve have the knowledge necessary to say no to temptation?
- o Adam eating the fruit was the final straw that broke man's relationship with God. It was at this point where Adam turned his back on God and started a new path for humanity.

Making Sense of the Fall

- The First Sin
 - o Adam's sin ended man's ability to fulfill their God given tasks. Was there any way for Adam and Eve to reestablish their relationship with God?
 - o Adam's sin _____ Satan's invasion into God's earthly kingdom, and his influence is still prevalent till this day.
 - o Adam _____ all of humanity and his sin set us on a course of hard labor, death and destruction. (Romans 5:12-4)
- Life After Sin
 - o Humanity's _____ with God is now forever changed.
 - o God's plan for humanity has and will never change. We still have the same responsibilities but they are harder to do now.
 - o If Adam would have known what life would be like after sin, do you think he would have done it? Why do we continue to sin even though we have seen the results of our previous sins?
 - o Romans 8:12-13 helps us to see that although we are fallen we can still live as God intended.

Storyline Focus

"Adam and Eve reject God's word, bringing sin, shame and death into the world."²

Reflection³

Why does Scripture place the ultimate responsibility for humanity's fall on Adam, and what does this teach us about headship and accountability?

Where are you most tempted to follow your own desires over God's Word, and how can you actively resist that temptation.

Student Q&A

² Vlach, *The Bible Storyline*, 21.

³ Reflection questions taken from Vlach, *The Bible Storyline*, 21.

