

**All Life Is Sacred Series**  
**Why The Incarnation Matters: Cosmic Treason**  
**Genesis 3:1-7**

- I. Defiling the Sacred (Genesis 3:1-7)
  - A. Notice the progression of the first sin
    - 1. A challenge to revealed truth
    - 2. A challenge to divine authority
    - 3. The introduction of discontentment (the promise of something greater)
  - B. Two Key Factors – Pride and Unbelief
  - C. The great divorce – a separation between what we want to be and what we ought to be
- II. Battling The Two-Headed Dragon
  - A. Pride
    - 1. Sinfully, it is thinking more of ourselves than we ought; not recognizing our proper place in the world
    - 2. In the spiritual realm it is considering one's own perspective as superior to that of God's
    - 3. Proverbs 16:5
  - B. Unbelief
    - 1. Sinfully, it is actively living life in such a way as to regard God's revealed truth as a lie
    - 2. Faith is not a mere verbal claim; it is truly and properly reflected in our we live our lives
    - 3. Romans 1:17
  - C. The dragon's son – discontentment
    - 1. The cycle of self-destructive sin
    - 2. The unholy trinity

- 3. Each fuels the other to our personal demise, all while giving the appearance of greater good and glory
- III. Man As Cosmic Traitor: Lessons Learned about Life and the Sacred from the Fall
  - A. Jesus has come to crush the root causes of our cosmic treason – pride and unbelief
    - 1. He lived in perfect humility
    - 2. He lived in perfect faith
  - B. Jesus has come to overthrow the consequences of our cosmic treason – death and wrath
    - 1. He died a death he didn't deserve
    - 2. He bore a wrath that should have been ours
  - C. Jesus has come to stop the recycling effect of our cosmic treason – discontentment
    - 1. Jesus was completely fulfilled in His purpose and mission
    - 2. Jesus delighted to be what He ought to be, thus undoing the great divorce of the garden.
  - D. In the Incarnation, Jesus supplied the hope of restoring the humanity to its proper estate – we walk about physically alive, yet spiritually dead. Jesus has come to bring the fullness of life back to God's image-bearer