



## HUMANITY STUDY QUESTIONS *'The Gardens of God"* 03.26.17

# Scripture: Selected Passages THE GARDEN OF EDEN

**Genesis 2:8-9** <sup>8</sup> Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. <sup>9</sup> The LORD God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

#### THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

**Matthew 26:36-38** <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray."<sup>37</sup> He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. <sup>38</sup> He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

### THE GARDEN OF THE TOMB

*John 19:41-42* <sup>41</sup> The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. <sup>42</sup> And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

#### THE NEW JERUSALEM GARDEN

**Revelation 22:1-2**<sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.<sup>2</sup> It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

**Question 1:** Do you agree with the conclusion that the Garden of Eden was all about the "humans" having fellowship with God, the Trinity?

Question 2: If sin separates humans from God discuss how this damages humans and deprives God?

**Question 3:** Discuss the difference in the Gethsemane Battle and the Calvary Conflict. Where was the victory won for humanity? Why?

Question 4: Do you agree with the conclusion that "there is no life without death?"

**Question 5:** What conclusions do you draw from the New Jerusalem Garden? Is this the redo of Eden? Is humanity now privy to the Tree of Life AND the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? What does that mean?