

Bible Overview Series

Week 3: Location, location, *location*.

Locations shape our expectations. What's your mental picture of:

→ A Simpson Desert holiday?

→ A Coffs Harbour holiday?

Read Genesis 3:21-24

1. In these verses, what is the risk of Adam staying in the Garden (22)?

2. Where was Adam sent as a result of his (and Eve's) sin?

3. What impression does Genesis 3 give us of:

→ The Garden.

→ The wilderness.

Read Leviticus 16:6-10, 20-22.

4. This is the Day of Atonement - the biggest day of the Jewish year. On this special day, how did the *scapegoat* make atonement (16:10, 21-22)?

5. What does this teach us about "the wilderness"?

Read Mark 14:36-45.

6. Here in another garden (Gethsemane), how is Jesus' relationship with God different to Adam and Eve's?

Read Hebrews 13:10-14.

7. In these verses, how is Jesus like the *scapegoat*?

8. *Where* did Jesus suffer? ...and *what* does that mean for us (14)?

Read Revelation 21:22—22:3.

9. In these verses describing *New Jerusalem*, what familiar feature appears from Genesis 3:22?

10. Whereabouts can 'uncleanness' be found in this heavenly city (21:27)?

Implications.

Location is hugely significant in the Bible. We could have gone further into the significance of Jerusalem, the Temple, Egypt → Exodus, Exile → Babylon, and more.

But already, we can thank God that although we were cast out from the Garden of Eden, Jesus was faithful during His moment in the Garden of Gethsemane. And His faithfulness brings us home to the great Garden City, the heavenly Jerusalem.