

The Story of God

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Let me tell you a story
it's no ordinary tale
no it is the ordinary
from which every other story hails
it's the story of God
it's the story of history
and I'm not the author
no, the Author is a glorious mystery
see long before He would put
His pen to the paper
long before there was time
or before there was matter
He was there, all alone
Father Son Holy Sprit
1 God in 3 persons
everlasting in existence
completely satisfied
needing absolutely nothing
He was happy in Himself
and His joy was overflowing
the Son in the arms
of His holy righteous Father

the Spirit overshadowing
all glorifying one another
so why would this God
even bother to create
the fountain of all happiness
can you improve upon this state?
well the joy within Himself
welling up at such capacity
was so full it must be shared
with a glorious society
so the mighty Author, quill in hand,
to share His infinite mind,
His love His joy, sat down to write
His "once upon a time"
in the beginning God created
the Heavens and the Earth
He made all things to reflect
His beauty and His worth
mountains rivers oceans trees
all gladly testifying
endless stars and galaxies
declare His glory shining
He made it all and it was good
and to culminate His work
He fashioned man

and breathed to life
His special ball of dirt
man came to life with blinking eyes
& was welcomed by God's face
they walked with Him every day and night
there was peace and no such thing as shame
God said
be fruitful, fill the earth
and eat from any tree
except for this one
cause if you do you'll surely fall from Me
now why do this? and give this choice?
because He is writing a Story
and He's about to show to whole world
The fullness of His glory
conflict enters
early on in the script
with a snake in the garden
doing was he does best running his lip
flashback to when
this evil was created
he was an angel of heaven
who fell when his head got inflated
banished from God
and from His endless mercy

he came down to earth
to tempt us with the unworthy
so there in the garden
on an ordinary day
he came to the woman and said
did God really say?
that you should not eat
from every tree in the garden?
He must not want your happiness
or you would have total freedom
so pridefully they listened
and sinfully they took
and scorned their creator
and they ate the forbidden fruit
injustice. this, my friends
this is injustice
that God should be seen &
then treated as a nothing
that man should completely forfeit his joy
and dig for fleeting pleasures
in the gutters of this world
fallen now is all mankind
and sure to face His judgement
a world of pain, of toil and strain
and hell forever after

but God would make a promise to
preserve Himself a people
and through the brokenness of man
o could there shine a hero?
the plot line continues
some character development
all supporting actors
all fantastic as embellishment
Noah found great favor
in God's holy sight
and when God sent the floods
He mercifully preserved his life
we come to Abraham
and God made him a covenant
He said "I will bless you
and make your offspring abundant"
to Isaac and to Jacob
God would come and do the same
and though many dangers
came to threaten His perfect plan
the story would go on
with the Author's full control
and He would lead His people
everywhere that they should go
flash forward now 400 years

in Egypt there's a pharaoh
who doesn't like God's people
growing numerous in freedom
so he made them slaves
but God came down and chose His servant Moses
a burning bush... a call to go
His presence was His promise
go and tell that pharaoh now to
let my people go
so they can freely worship Me
in the place that I will show
plagues. numerous.
God would show that He is the I AM
that pharaoh' rule is like a pawn
in His glorious hand
the waters part. the millions leave
to follow their great Savior
He guided them provided for them
though they were so ungrateful
at Sinai God gave the law
so perfect and so pure
His people soon discovered
they could not obey these rules
they tried they failed
they tried they failed

compelled to live in sin
they'd bow to worship idols
then they'd bow to God again
they said to God "give us a king"
and that will make things better
God, their rightful king, assured them
this would be a fetter
they insisted, God relented
gave to them their kings
some were good, led them to Him
some brought idolatry
God sent his prophets
"turn back to God"
sometimes the people listened
but mostly they just gave a nod
cause they all wanted to be Him
"God will not wink at your sin"
the prophets would all say
the people rose to eat and drink
and left to go and play
God finally seemed to have enough
and brought a blaring quiet
the prophets ceased, the people waited
400 years of silence.
enter our protagonist

mostly unannounced
the plot is quickly rising now
who is this guy?
nobody really knows
He meek.....He's humble
unordinary hero
but the craziest thing
about this character is well
unlike the other characters
this is the Author himself
His name was Jesus
He was born of a virgin
fully God He was perfect
fully man He was learnin'
different from all the others
but tempted just the same
in every single way we are
without a single sin
He made the lame to jump
He caused the blind to see
and unlike the religious leaders
had some real authority
cause He came from high
and He came to redeem
not to be served but to serve

His haters and enemies
He loved, He gave
showed us the heart of the Author
claimed no glory for Himself
cause He came from His Father
and we hated Him for it
cause we wanted to be God
despised and rejected
we esteemed Him not.
conflict escalating now
it's starts with a betrayal
Judas whores his eternal Lord
for 30 pieces of silver
a final meal a prayer and then
they head into the garden
where Jesus sweat with drops of blood
preparing for our pardon
The soldiers took the Lord away
and led him to a trail
"are you the Son of God?" they say
I AM there's no denying
Except of course for His disciples
who left their Lord in fear
Jesus looked up to the sky
He was all alone from here

they led Him to the Pretorian
and then began to beat Him
“who hit you?” they would shout and say
“oh Father please forgive them”
they made His back a bloody mess
they whipped Him till he lost his breath
they threw the cross upon His wounds
the weight of sin 300 pounds
the great eternal Lord of all
the Author of all things
now like a lamb unto the slaughter
would this be His defeat?
they nailed Him to the rugged cross
they shouted out “where is Your God?”
He said “have You forsaken me?”
He takes a breath, His final three:
“It is finished” the Savior’s cry
and then He bowed His head
the Author of life the Lord of all
the Son of God is dead
they laid His body in a tomb
then everything was quiet
as God’s people find themselves again
in everlasting silence
2 days pass.

on the second morning after Jesus died
Mary went to the tomb to take a look inside
and when she arrived she was
met by an angel
she fell to the ground but he said
there's no danger
this Jesus, Jesus
is He the one that you seek?
Mary He is not here
He is risen indeed!
Climax, its true
every good story has one
the part where you feel
a slight shift of momentum
Mary sprints to go
tell the disciples
the Lord, He's alive!
He's alive like he promised
Peter and John go
and see for themselves
but there's nothing there
they said "perhaps He truly lives?"
then Jesus' words
came flashing to mind
they will kill the Son of man

but after three days He will rise
momentum is surely building now
the enemy is limp in'
Jesus finds the 12 and then
He gives to them the mission
all authority is mine
all in Heaven and on Earth
go and tell them I'm alive
go and tell the whole wide world
and don't get slack
I'm coming back
Acts now the church is born
the Holy Spirit given
the news of Jesus
like the most contagious sickness spreadin'
thousands saved. A mighty wind
is blowing through the region
the promise God gave to Abraham
we're finally starting to see it
Repentance and forgiveness preached
All in the name of Jesus
Sinners and saints alike proclaim
Our God has come to save us!
the Gentiles hear the story and
the news is blowing up

the plan is working, the gospel spreading
from Asia to Africa
martyrs laying down their lives
cause they know this story's true
it's a story like no other
it's a movement you cannot undo.
Constantine tried to slow it down
and turn it into steeples
but an angry monk from Germany
wrote some holy gospel thesis
it's spread like fire, then it came
to America by sail
and here we are the twenty-first century
the gospel cannot fail
It's the greatest story
that's ever been told
by the greatest Author the world has ever known
but there is some still left to go
yes there is some still left to go
see GO was the command
to every tribe and nation
and carry this great story to
this dying generation
cause when this gospel finally spreads
across the whole of earth

we're gonna hear a trumpet sound
and Jesus will return
Heaven will be opened
and a white horse shall appear
and the One who sits upon it
all His enemies shall fear
His eyes will be like fire
and His purpose will be glory
justice for all evil
life for all who love this story
He'll come to judge the quick, the dead
and all who've trod this world....every
knee will bow
and tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord
death and hades He will throw
into the Lake of Fire
and Satan too that serpent foe
that coward that old liar
the church will rise
surround the throne
and clothed in glory His
with every nation tribe and tongue
we will worship Him
singing Worthy Worthy

is the Lamb
The Lamb who has been slain
blessings honor glory and power
forever to His name
and for ages and ages
we will sing
the praises of
our God and King
it's the greatest story
that ever been told
by the greatest Author
the world has known
yeah the bad guys lose
the good guys win
Jesus is Lord of all
The End.