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# The Gospel of JOHN "Come and See"

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The Light

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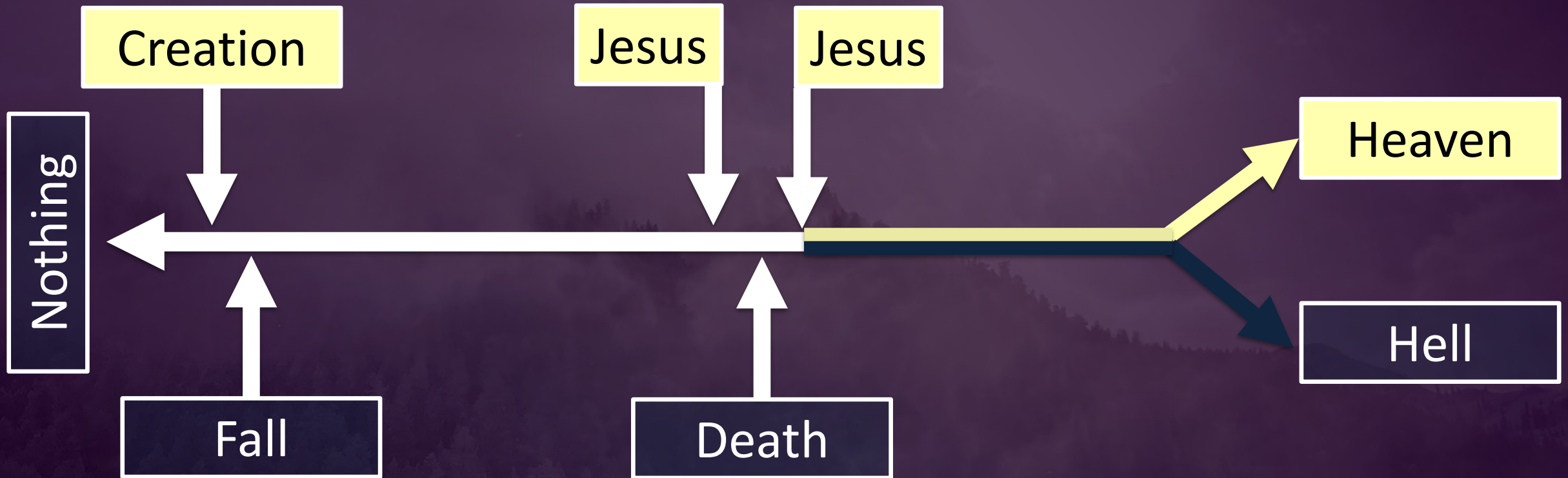
<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.



<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

# What did John mean by “Light”?



# Darkness without Light

Nothing



Genesis 1:2-3

The earth was without form  
and void, and darkness was  
over the face of the deep.

# Light Breaks Into Darkness

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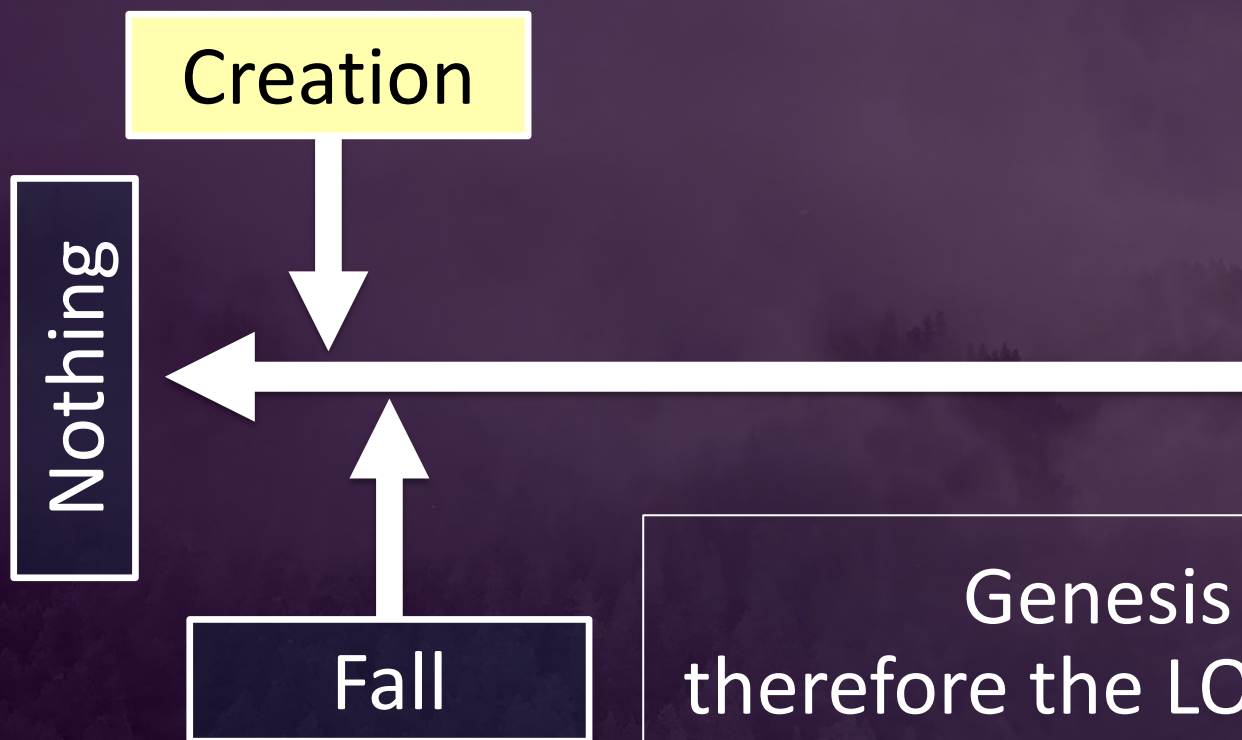
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Creation

Nothing

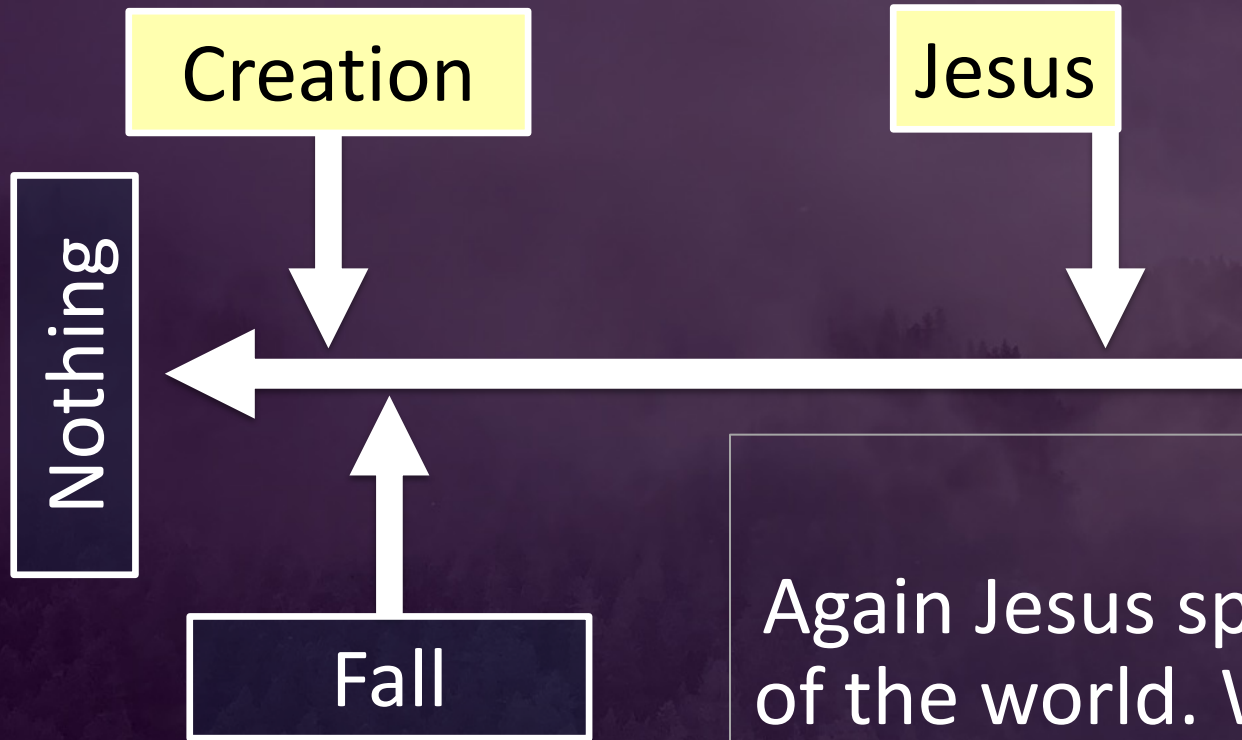


# Darkness Breaks into Light



Genesis 3:23  
therefore the LORD God sent  
him out from the garden of  
Eden to work the ground  
from which he was taken.

# Light (again) Breaks into Darkness



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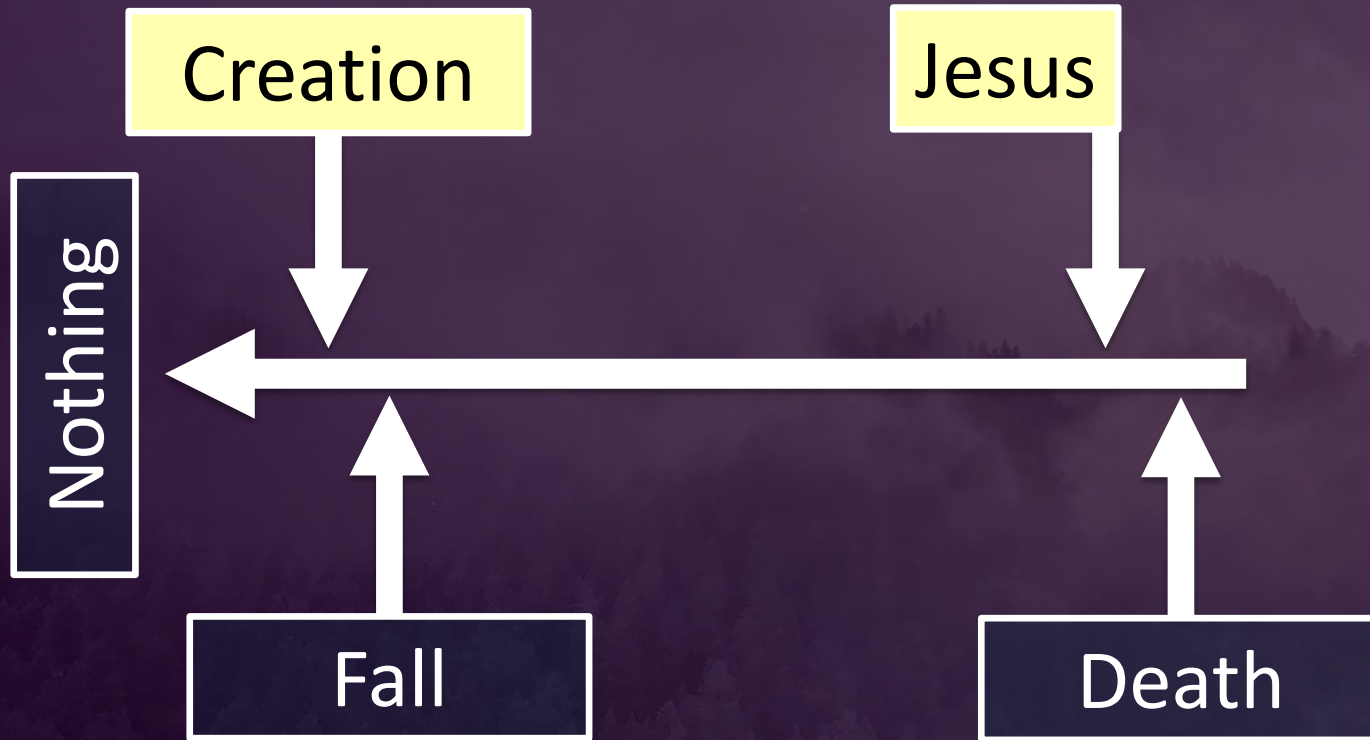
John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Like the Logos, The Light isn't a force but a man

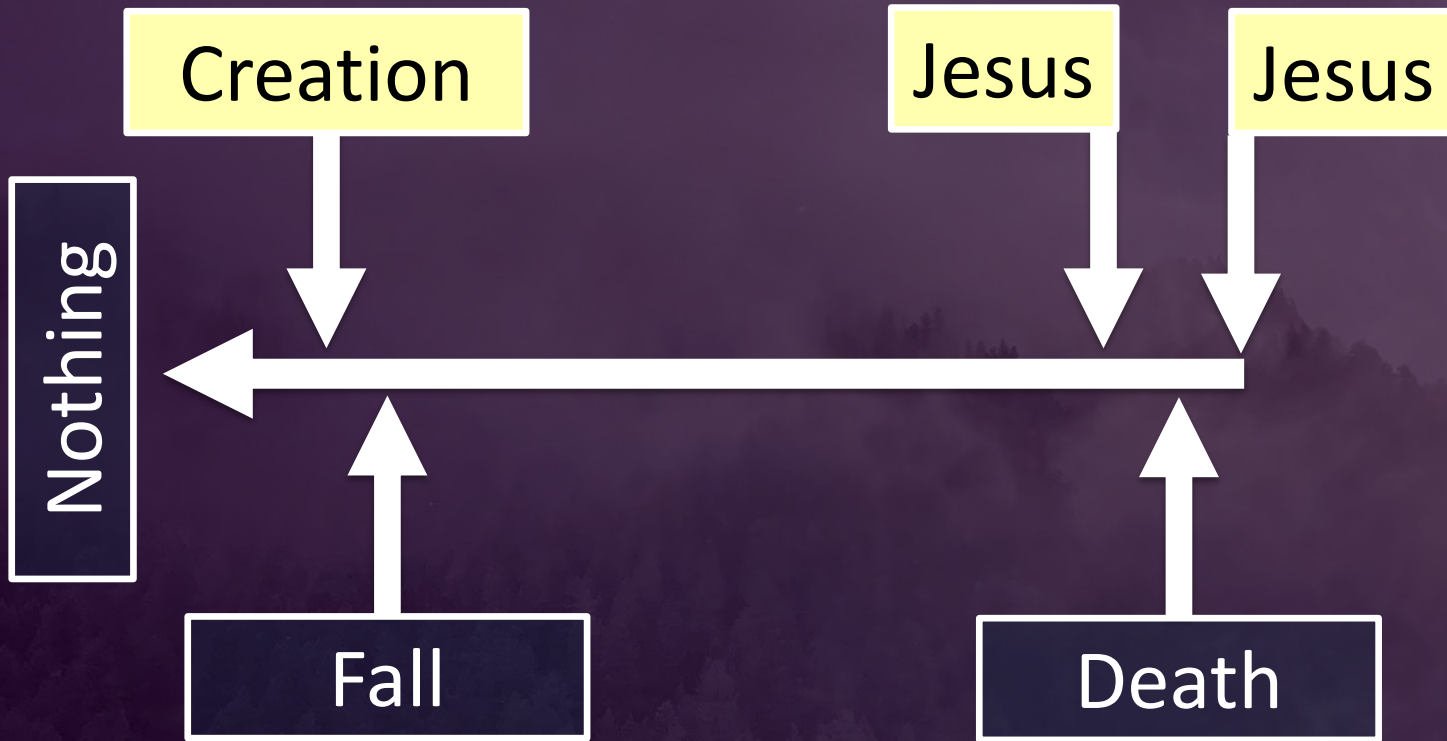


# Darkness (again) Breaks into Light



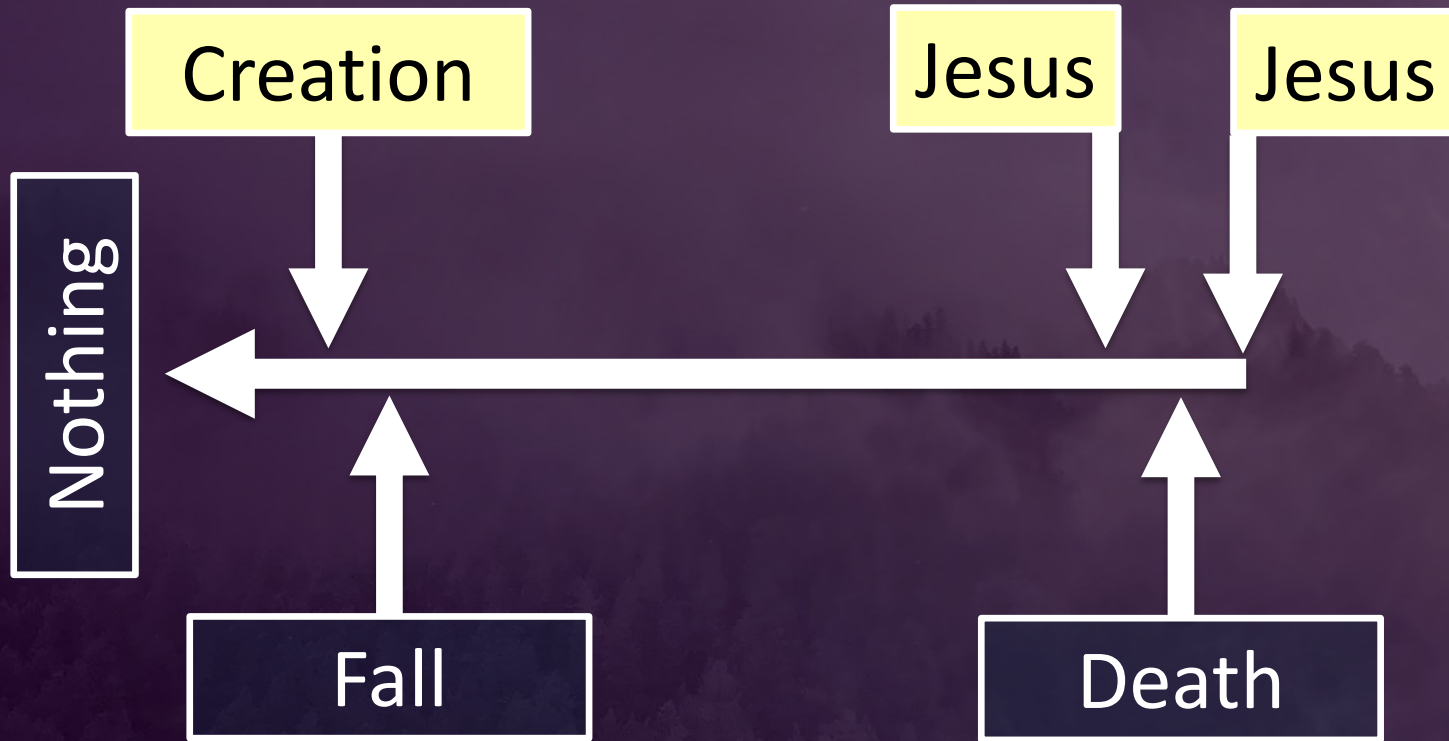
Luke 23:44  
It was now about the sixth  
hour, and there was  
darkness over the whole  
land until the ninth hour,

# Light (ultimately) defeats Darkness



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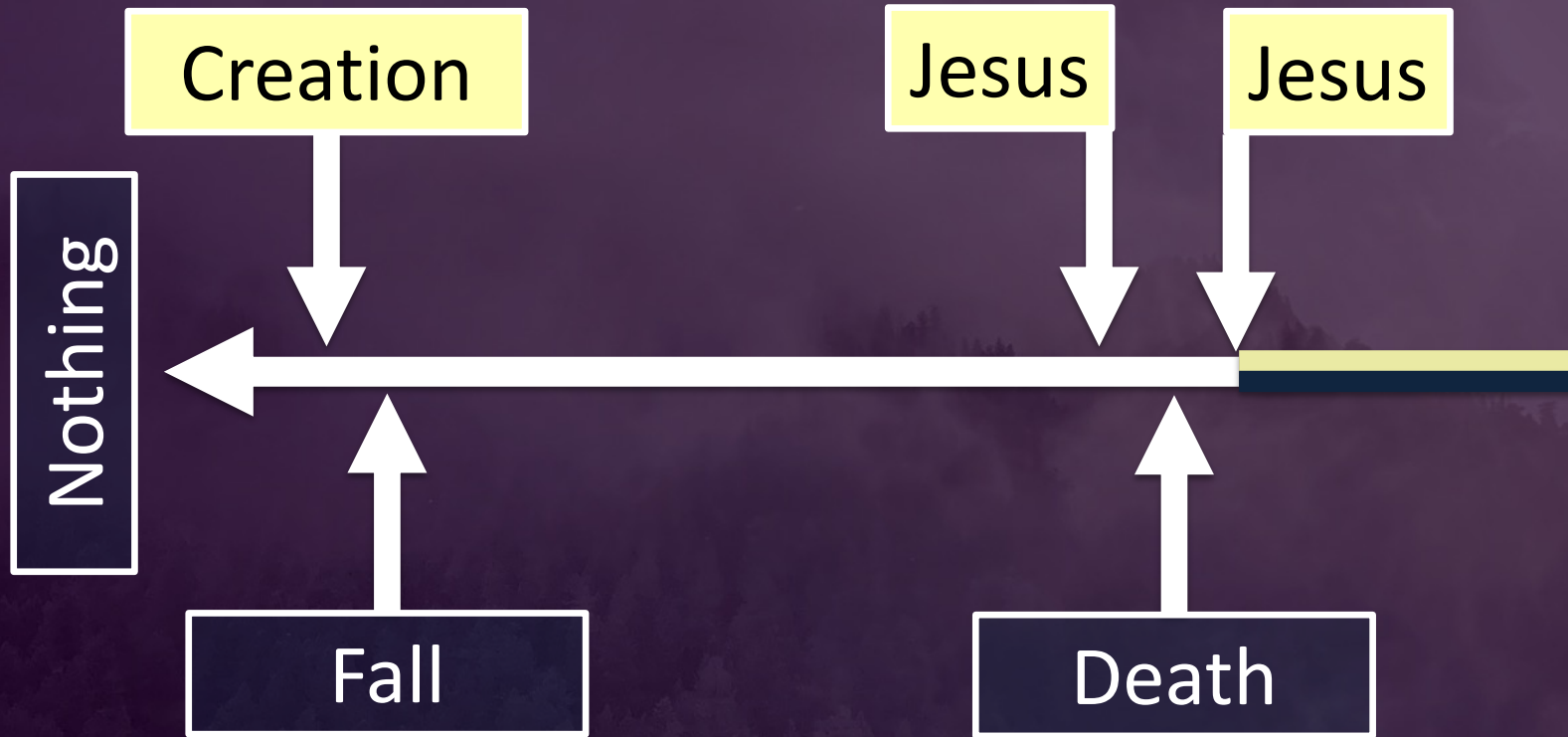
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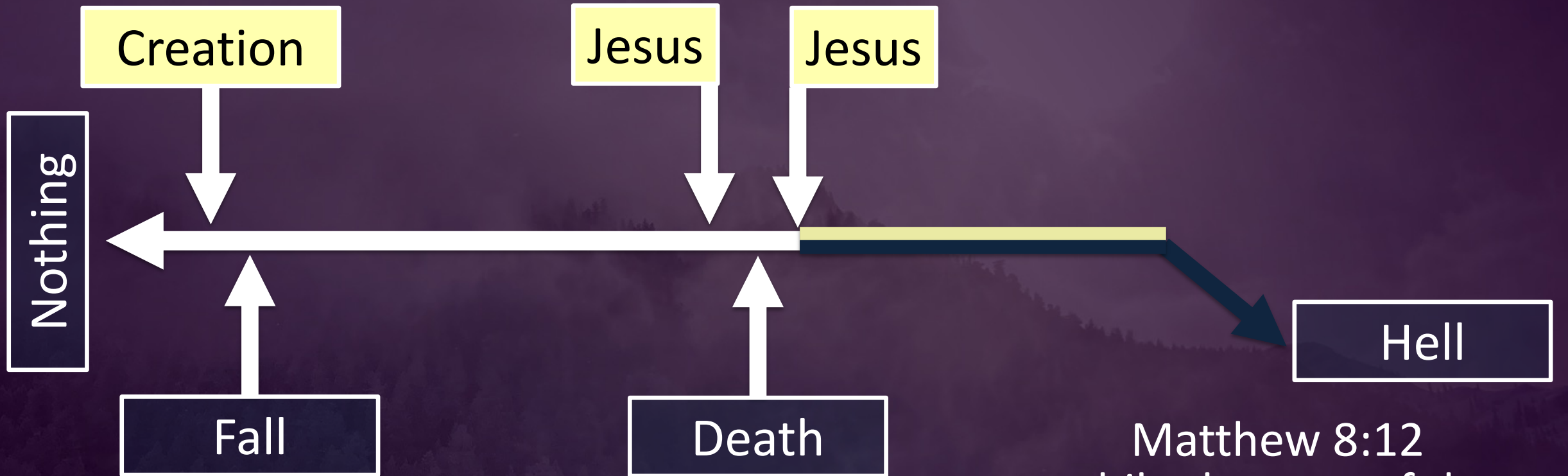


# Light Invites Us (Carries Us) Out of Darkness



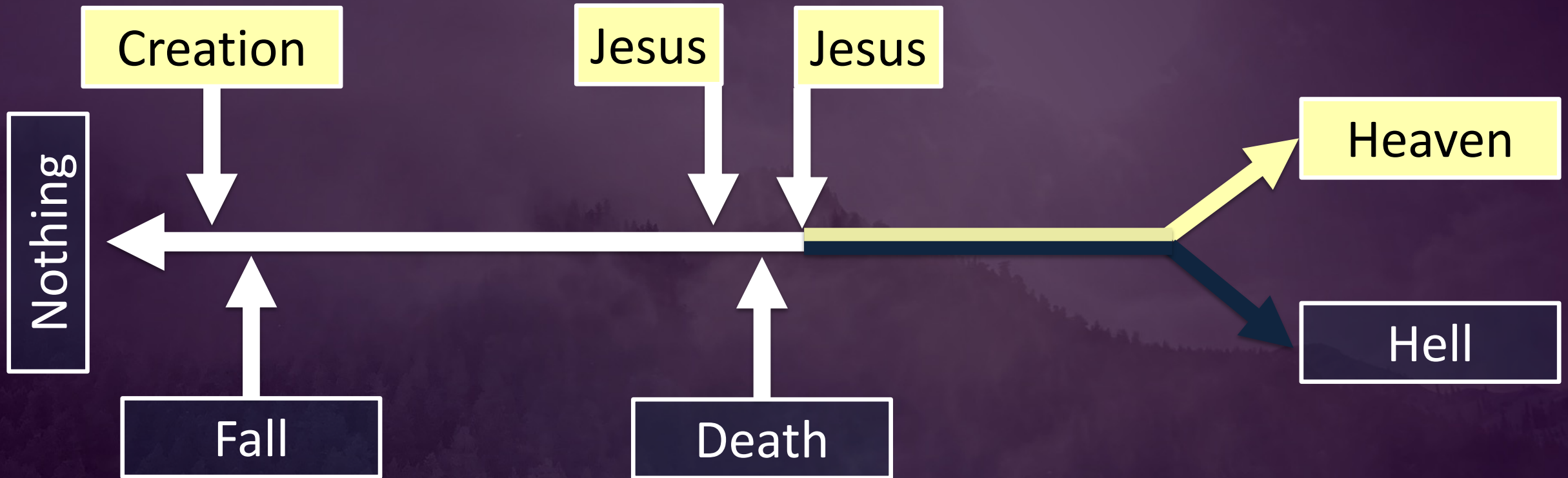
2 Corinthians 4:6  
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

# Outer Darkness



Matthew 8:12  
while the sons of the  
kingdom will be thrown into  
the outer darkness. In that  
place there will be weeping  
and gnashing of teeth.”

# Eternal Light



Revelation 22:5

And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.



# Light Reveals



John 3:19

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

# Light Renews

## Phototropism

the growth of an organism in response to a light stimulus



Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



# Light Wins

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and the darkness has not overcome it.

Revelation 21:23

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>  
By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.



# Application

## #1 - Be a Light

“Some people believe that when people die, there's a wonderful Light, as bright as the sun. But it doesn't hurt to look into it. All the answers to all the questions that you ever want to know are inside that Light. And when you walk to it, you become a part of it forever.”

"Run to the light, baby. Mommy is in the light."

Poltergeist, 1982

# Application

## #1 - Be a Light

John 12:36

While you have the light,  
believe in the light,  
that you may become sons of light.

Psalms 36:9

For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.

# Application



## #2 - Be a Light

Ephesians 5:8

...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Matthew 5

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand

and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.