

# Creation – 7 Fish & Birds

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## Introduction

We are examining how God spoke (inspired) Creation into existence.

God took seven days to create and rest as a teaching ministry to us. There are three primary reasons God took 7 days.

1. God taught us a work cycle and the importance of rest.
2. God shows the progression of our Salvation.
3. God used the days of Creation to teach of Jesus.

Today we continue to look at the Days of Creation.

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**On the first three days of Creation, God made spaces. On Days 4-6 He filled those spaces.**

Day 1 – The Heavens	Day 4 – Sun, Moon, Stars
Day 2 – Atmosphere and Seas	Day 5 – Flying and Swimming creatures
Day 3 – Land and Plants	Day 6 – Land animals and Man

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This is the first time that the word "living" is used.

We have "living creatures" and "living things."

Science is unable to define life. The best it can do is to list the attributes of living things. Life cannot be weighed and when it is gone, man is helpless to restore it. Life is a gift from God. He is the one that gives life.

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On Day 5 God (Jesus) filled the spaces of air and sea with a great diversity of creatures.

God had to create the habitats before creating the creature. When birds were created, they had places to fly, food to eat, and trees in which to build their nests. The same was true for those creatures living in the sea.

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All kinds of creatures live in the sea—some of the smallest and some of the largest, some that are very beautiful, and some that are bizarre or odd. The smallest creatures that live in the sea are tiny, microscopic, single-celled forms of life, such as bacteria, protozoa, and algae. These break down waste to keep the ocean clean and add oxygen and other nutrients into the water. They are also food.

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God also created invertebrates include sponges, jellyfish, clams, oysters, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, starfish, sea lilies, lobsters, worms, snails, and many more.

Many mammals live in the ocean such as whales and dolphins. It is important to know that these were created before land animals which contradicts evolution.

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Marine Dinosaurs were also created on Day 5. Ancient mariner maps are often decorated with creatures that resemble marine dinosaurs – they used sailing ships that are quiet as they slip through the water. We also find pottery decorated with creatures that resemble known kinds of dinosaurs. What were they looking at?

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In April 1977, the Japanese fishing trawler *Zuiyo-maru* operating off the coast of New Zealand snagged a large carcass at a depth of about 1,000 feet. The carcass was brought to the surface and onto the ship. The dead creature was about 33 feet long and weighed about 4,000 pounds. Scientists around the world believe that it could be a plesiosaur, however American Evolutionary Scientists reject this idea.

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Japan actually printed a postage stamp commemorating the discovery of the plesiosaur carcass.

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God also created flying things. This would have been things like birds but could also include flying dinosaurs.

Birds are marvels of engineering.

They have specialized feather for flight, each feather is controlled by its own muscle. Its bones are hollow but reinforced with cross members for maximum strength.

The "wishbone" protects the internal organs from being crushed by the force of the wing muscles. The list could go on.

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Archaeopteryx has been considered the first bird, yet it had fully developed flight feathers and wishbone. It should be added that fossils of modern birds have been found in strata that are older than archaeopteryx.

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God has taken the believer from Darkness to Light.

He has separated the believer from sin and its consequences to being a child of God. God has given a firm foundation of Truth on which to build our lives and He nourishes us. He gives us the guides of His Word and the Holy Spirit.

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When I look at the diversity of life that God created on Day 5, I am reminded of the Church. Each person is unique with different talents and abilities. God places each one into the church for His plan and purpose. Each of us has a role to play. We are to "build up" and encourage each other to be like Jesus. In this world we will have trouble, but we should find peace and security here as we gather together!

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Jesus spoke in a parable

Matthew 13:47

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind."

Jesus also calls us to evangelism

Matthew 4:19

Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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Jesus is the ultimate author of diversity. In Him we see the creative power to make all the stars, fish, and birds. He is the head of the Church. He knows and designed each of us.

Psalm 50:11

I know all the birds of the mountains,  
And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.

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## So What ...

God's Word can be trusted. It is true and accurate in all it says.

We each have been placed into this church for a purpose. You have been designed by God with all the talents and gifts to fulfill that purpose.

We need to be "fishers of men". We do not know how much time we have.

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