

## New Creation, New Exodus, and New Humanity

### *The Gospel of John*

Israel at the time of Jesus (163 BC – 135 AD) hoped to become God’s *new humanity* again. They understood that God would have to bring it about in the form of a New Creation and New Exodus because Creation and Exodus were already thematically related events, linked by the common idea of *God creating His true humanity*. This is why Jesus interacted so much with themes and motifs of new humanity.

<b>Creation, Humanity</b>	<b>Exodus from Enemies Creation of Israel, New Humanity</b>	<b>New Exodus from Enemies New Creation, New Humanity</b>
God spoke 10 declarations	God spoke 10 declarations on Egypt	Israel hoped for God to speak again (Isa.40).
God established boundaries between light and darkness, land and water, ruler and subordinate	God relaxed boundaries between light and darkness, land and water to reflect Egypt’s rejection of God’s boundaries.	Israel hoped for God to bring about a new exodus deliverance (Isa.44)
God created humanity in a garden land	God brought Israel into a garden land to be His new humanity	Israel hoped for God to bring them back to a new garden land, and banquet, to be His new humanity once again (Isa.54 – 55).
After human sin, God exiled humanity out of the garden land	After Israel’s sin, God exiled Israel out of the garden land	

### Thread #1: Jesus Enacts a New Creation, New Humanity

<b>Old Creation</b>	<b>New Creation</b>
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

	<b>7 Miracles</b>	<b>7 Discourses</b>	<b>7 ‘I AM’ statements</b>
<b>1</b>	Emptiness to joy. Water into wine at Cana. (2:1-10)	Second birth with Nicodemus (Jn.3:1-21)	I am the bread of life (6:35)
<b>2</b>	Sickness to health. Healing of the royal official’s sick son. (4:46-54)	Living water with Samaritan woman (Jn.4:1-42)	I am the light of the world (8:12)
<b>3</b>	Debilitation to wholeness. Healing the invalid man. (5:1-15)	The ‘Son and Father relationship’ debate with the Pharisees (Jn.5:16-45)	I am the door (10:7)
<b>4</b>	Hunger to satisfaction. Multiplication of bread. (6:1-14)	Bread of Life (Jn.6:22-71)	I am the good shepherd (10:11)
<b>5</b>	Fear to peace. Walking on water. (6:16-21)	Abraham debate with the Pharisees (Jn.8:12-59)	I am the resurrection and the life (11:25)
<b>6</b>	Blindness to sight. Healing of the blind man. (9:1-41)	Good shepherd (Jn.10:1-38)	I am the way, the truth, and the life (14:6)
<b>7</b>	Death to life. Resuscitation of Lazarus. (11:17-44)	Upper Room discourse (Jn.13:1-17:26)	I am the true vine (15:1)

<b>Old Creation</b>	<b>New Creation</b>
Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)	Jesus breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’ (John 20:22)

## Thread #2: Jesus Enacts a New Exodus, New Humanity

Israel's First Exodus	Israel's New Exodus
God delivers Israel in the Exodus from Egypt via the Passover lamb (Ex.12) and then God's Shekinah Glory appears and fills the Tabernacle to dwell among Israel (Ex.40:34 – 35)	This is John's summary statement of how Jesus is and provides a new exodus. The tabernacle was associated with the first exodus: And the Word became flesh, and dwelt ( <b>tabernacled</b> ) among us, and we saw his <b>glory, glory</b> (1:14) 'Behold, the <b>Lamb</b> of God, that takes away the sin of the world.' (1:29)
God says He is 'full of grace (lovingkindness) and truth' (Ex.34:6)	full of grace and truth... (1:14)
Moses 'sees God' but not God's face (Ex.33:20ff.)	No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, he has explained Him. (1:18)
Name of God: "I AM"	Name of Jesus: "I AM" – Ten times? (1) I am the bread of life (6:35). (2) I am the light of the world (8:12). (3) Before Abraham was, I am (8:58). (4) I am the door (10:7). (5) I am the good shepherd (10:11). (6) I am the resurrection and the life (11:25). (7) I am the way, the truth, and the life (14:6). (8) I am the true vine (15:1). (9) I am (18:5). (10) I told you that I am (18:8).
Ten Miracles of Death Un-Creating Egypt and Creating Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Miracle: Water to Blood</li> <li>• Last Miracle: Death of First Born Sons</li> </ul>	Seven Miracles of Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Miracle: Water to Wine</li> <li>• Last Miracle: Raising of a First Born Son, Lazarus</li> </ul>
Passover Lamb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One lamb per household</li> <li>• Surrounded by bitter herbs</li> <li>• Bones not broken</li> <li>• Pierced</li> </ul>	Passover Lamb <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus is the Lamb of God for the world (Jn.1:29, 36)</li> <li>• At his death, Jesus is surrounded by three women all named Mary, meaning 'bitter' (Jn.19:25)</li> <li>• Bones not broken (Jn.19:33, 36)</li> <li>• He was pierced (Jn.19:34, 37)</li> </ul>
Deliverance from Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessing of Peace/Shalom</li> </ul>	Deliverance from Sin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessing of Peace/Shalom (Jn.20:19, 21)</li> <li>• Forgiveness of Sins (Jn.20:22-23)</li> </ul>
Identity as the Covenant Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Israel becomes God's first-born adopted son (Ex.4:22)</li> <li>• New Family</li> </ul>	Identity as the New Covenant Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believers in Jesus are adopted by God (Jn.20:17)</li> <li>• New Family: John and Mary are now son and mother (Jn.19:26-27)</li> </ul>