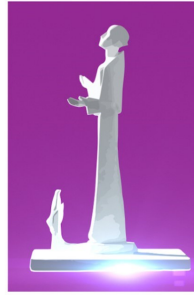


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## Theme 5: The Bible's Big Themes

### Question 5g. What other Biblical themes are important?

1. So, the Bible is full of ideas and themes to explore. Which theme speaks to you at the moment?
2. Do you need to know the reassurance of God with us? Perhaps you could look at Paula Gooder's book *Journey to the Manger*. Find it at [Booko](#).
3. If you would like to explore the idea of glory, check out this YouTube clip: called [Seeing the glory in the everyday](#). (Google the title if you're reading this in hard copy). It is a video that explores how people in the Bible recognised glory when they saw it, a wonderful dip into thematic Bible study.

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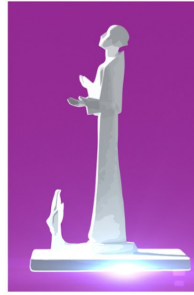
So the Bible is full of lots of interesting ideas and lots of interesting themes and lots of different topics that you could really study and explore.

For instance, among them the whole theme of incarnation that comes out in the beginning of the Gospel of John, that the central affirmation of the Gospel is that God has become one of us in Jesus, God has taken on our flesh in Jesus and is among us.

Another theme is creation. The Bible emphasises that everything that exists is God, God's creation, that it's all here as a free gift, and that because of that, it is good, and is to be valued and is to be cared for – that's another big theme of the Bible.

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Another theme is the whole notion of sin, that something has gone wrong in that creation. Something has become broken. We somehow have misused the gift of creation and the Bible emphasises that that's a problem. That is part of the reason why God became incarnate in the first place.

That leads into the another theme: redemption. God doesn't simply leave the world in sin or leave the world in brokenness, but God acts to redeem the world, acts to restore the world acts to restore creation, to reaffirm it as good.

Another theme in the Bible is that is that of justice, that along with the gift of creation and along with the gifts of redemption and incarnation comes a responsibility, a responsibility to do justice, to do justice to others, to do justice to creation, to do justice to the earth. For instance, the prophets in the Old Testament are very big on the themes of justice. As is Jesus in in the Gospels, so there's lots to explore.

There's so many different alleyways and by ways in the Bible and you could lose yourself in any one of them.