



Chapter One

The Importance of Stories

“This is how stories work. They invite listeners into a new world and encourage them to make it their own, to see their ordinary world from now on through this lens, within this grid.”¹

- N.T. Wright,
Jesus and the Victory of God



For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation...

Romans 1:16



THEMES

The Four Big Questions

- Why is there something, rather than nothing?
- Why is everything so messed up?
- What, if anything, has God done about it?
- And if he's done anything, how should I respond?



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What is the story that gives me meaning, purpose, and guides my life?
- What is my image of God?
- Where did that image of God come from?





SUGGESTED READING

Sophia Consulting. *Christian Cosmic Narrative: The Deep History of the World*, 2021.

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1. Wright, *Jesus and the Victory of God*, 176.