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MESSAGE FOUR:
Why Is the World So Messed Up?
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We are entering the fourth week of our 40-day journey, seeking answers to life's most important questions. So far, we've talked about:

- Why am I here?
- Why should I believe in God in the first place?
- Why should I trust the Bible?

Today, we are taking a look at the fourth question:

Why Is the World So Messed Up?

We don't have to be convinced that our world is messed up. We see it every day on TV. We read it in the newspaper. We hear it when we talk to our family and friends. We feel it when pain and suffering enters our own lives.

THE REASON: WHERE DID IT ALL GO WRONG?

First, we need to understand that God created humanity with the freedom to _____ choose _____.

Genesis 2:16, 17 *But the LORD told him, "You may eat fruit from any tree in the garden, except the one that has the power to let you know the difference between right and wrong. If you [choose to] eat any fruit from that tree, you will die before the day is over!"*

The mess began with the very first _____ sin _____.

Romans 5:12 *Adam sinned, and that sin brought death into the world. Now everyone has sinned, and so everyone must die.*

Important Theological Concept: The _____ Fall _____ of mankind

Because of Adam and Eve's sin, mankind and all of creation have been *polluted* from the original state in which they were created.

THE RESULT: WHAT WERE THE CONSEQUENCES?

The result of sin in our world has been widespread death.

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death...*

Physical Death: Our physical bodies get sick, wear down and eventually die.

Natural Death: Our planet is broken (natural disasters, etc.)

Relational Death: We put up barriers and lose our intimacy with one another.

Spiritual Death: We are separated from God.

Why is the world so messed up?

Because we are a fallen people who live in a fallen world.

SO, HOW CAN WE MAKE IT IN A MESSED UP WORLD?

We must recognize that the answer to our messed up world is not an answer. It's a Person.

"God...does not give advice. He does not give reasons or answers. He goes one better. He gives Himself... God wrote a book on suffering, and He called it Jesus." - Joni Ereckson Tada

We must know that there will come a day when God will make all things right!

Revelation 21:4 *Yes, God will make his home among his people. He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever.*

To those who have learned to love and trust Jesus, the prospect of meeting Him face to face and being with Him forever is the *hope* that keeps us going, no matter what life may throw at us.