



## sermon notes

The Gospel Story in Snow White

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### Some Things to Keep In Mind

This sermon series is designed to help us see the gospel story through the retelling of some of Walt Disney's classic fairy tales. Although the stories are classic and timeless, we know that in the world we live in, on this side of heaven . . .

- There is not always a happy ending.
- Human love does not always conquer all.
- People do not always live happily ever after.
- Step-parents and step-siblings are not always evil.
- There is not always a prince in every man and a princess in every woman.
- There is not a fairy-godmother who makes everything work out.

### Some Snow White Trivia

- Walt had the idea to make a film about Snow White when he was just 15 years old, while living in his hometown of Kansas City.
- The original budget for the film was \$250,000 but ballooned to over \$1.5 million, which was an enormous sum in the 1930s. Walt even had to mortgage his house to keep the film in production.
- Walt's wife, Lillian, tried to convince him not to make the movie. She thought it would bomb.
- Naming the seven dwarfs proved difficult. Walt rejected the names Jaunty, Blabby, Dirty, Gabby, Biggy-Wiggy, Gasp, Gloomy, Awful, Hoppy-Jumpy, Hotsy, Nifty and Shifty.

### The Gospel Story: Creation, Sin, Salvation and "A Whole New World"

#### From Genesis

*God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them . . .*

*The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed.*

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"*

*The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.*

*When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

*Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*  
Genesis 1:27; 2:8; 3:1–4, 6, 13 (CEB & NIV)

#### From Revelation

*Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

Revelation 21:1–4 (NIV)

### **Parallels between The Gospel and Snow White**

#### Gospel Parallel #1:

Snow White's world is like \_\_\_\_\_.

- God created us (humanity) to enjoy the world He created and to be in perfect relationship with God and each other. When sin and evil entered the world, it enslaved us. Like Snow White, we live as less than we were created to be.

#### Gospel Parallel #2

The Huntsman and Snow White are a type of \_\_\_\_\_.

- The rock, the knife, and the miraculous rescue are clearly seen.

#### Gospel Parallel #3:

Snow White becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ figure to the seven little men.

- Snow White brings:
  - Harmony where there was discord.
  - Happiness where there was dreariness.
  - Purpose where there was indifference.
  - Peace where there was chaos.

## **Parallels between The Gospel and Snow White (cont.)**

It is here that the two threads of the story become intertwined.

### Gospel Parallel #4:

Snow White becomes \_\_\_\_\_ when she eats the apple and falls asleep.

- Snow White is like all of us—asleep beneath the power of sin and evil.

### Gospel Parallel #5:

Snow White becomes a \_\_\_\_\_,  
being struck down by the power of evil.

- God's messenger of hope, peace, love and joy is silenced.

## **But that's not the end of the story . . .**

- The Evil One is chased down, falls into a pit and is destroyed.
- By the death of one (Jesus and Snow White) death itself is destroyed.
- She is placed in a glass coffin (tomb) and her friends mourn her death.
- With the kiss of the Prince, Snow White rises to life.
- The film ends with them riding off to "a whole new world."