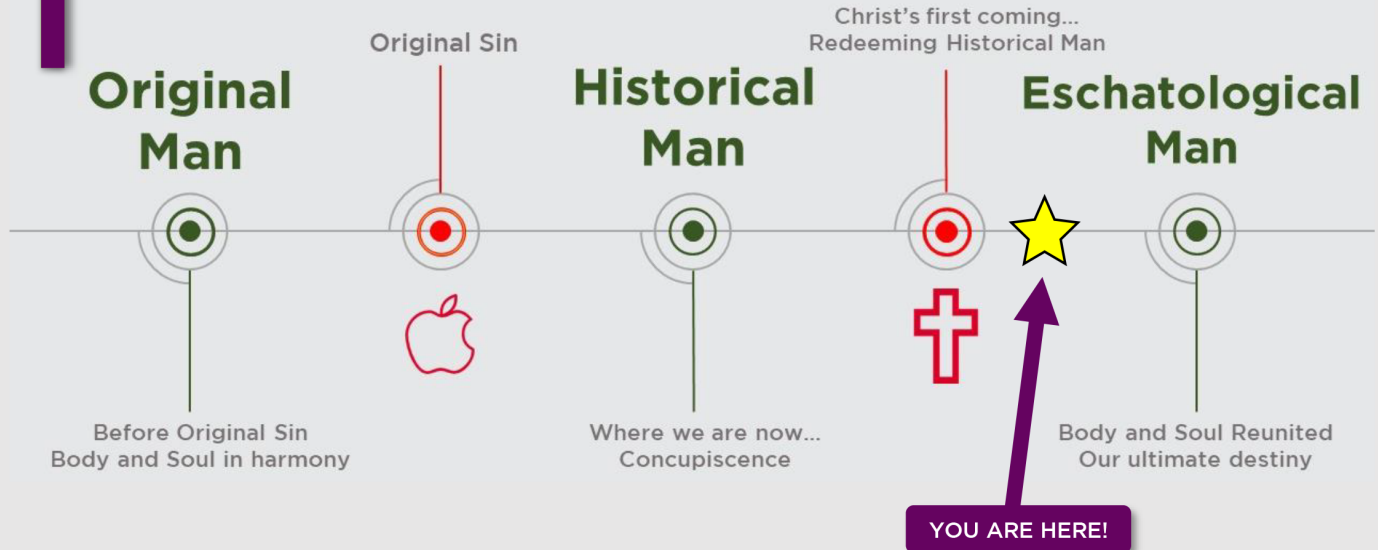


ORIGINAL SOLITUDE

A Bird's Eye View

1

To understand Original Solitude, John Paul II points out our human timeline:



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John Paul II begins his *Theology of the Body* by going back to “Original Man.”

ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



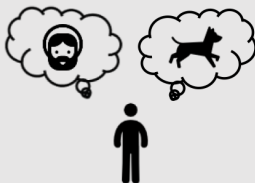
John Paul II brings us back “To the beginning” before the fall of Original Sin. He calls this time our “Theological Pre-History.” (TOB 4:2)

He points out 3 original experiences of man. These original experiences help us understand our identity and God’s plan for humanity.

3

Original Solitude.

“It is not good that the man should be alone.” Gen. 2:18



Man learns the following from his Original Solitude:

- He is created for a unique relationship with God.
- He is self-aware & given the ability to choose the good. (TOB 6:1)
- By naming the animals he becomes aware of his bodily difference from all other living beings. (TOB 5:4)
- He is superior to all other creatures because he can care for creation. (TOB 6:3-7:2)
- He becomes aware of his solitude as a body among bodies & desires a help fit for him. (TOB 6:3)

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