



Lenten Wednesday, April 1, 2020  
Creation Day 5, and 5th Day of Holy Week  
Christ's Work of Creation & Re-Creation, Genesis 1:20-23  
**In the Name of Jesus - Amen**



### **Creation Day Five**

God created animate life, fish that swam, birds that fly, “every living creature.”

“And God said, 'Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.'” **Genesis 1:20**

In one divine breath, God created all creatures, and they produced the young.

### **The Fifth Day of the Re-Creation in Holy Week Preparations for the Feast of the Passover and Evil Lurks over Jerusalem, and the world**

**Matthew 26:3-5** “Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,” [4] “and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.” [5] “But they said, 'Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.’ ”

The celebration of the feast of the Passover was about to start. The religious sect, the chief priests, and the elders came together to plot evil. The religious leaders were more afraid of the people than God Himself, “arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.” But they did not want “an uproar among the people.”

They allowed their own sinful flesh to control them. The wish for power and greed drove their selfish desires, and they lost the ability to judge right and wrong. We too are as foolish as the religious leaders of Jesus's time. We are sinful ... and guilty... of breaking His commandments. “For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.” **James 2:10** We fear the thoughts of other people more than God Himself.

*All is not in despair!*

John the Baptist said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." **Matthew 3:2** A repenting heart means changing from evil to good. Fear leads to evil, trust leads to hope and faith, and faith leads to salvation. **Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him, and he will act. Psalm 37:3**

May the peace of the Lord be with you always. *Amen.*  
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