

## Just Jesus

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### Today's Scripture

#### Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

<sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—<sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

### Soul Food

#### GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

You are encouraged to read verses before and after the selected passages.

**Sunday:** Colossians 1:15-23 **The Supremacy of the Son of God**

**Monday:** Acts 8:4-12 There is no other name, than Jesus, by which one can be saved.

**Tuesday:** Philippians 2:5-11 Jesus is God

**Wed:** John 14:6 Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

**Thursday:** Romans 10:9-11 Jesus is Lord.

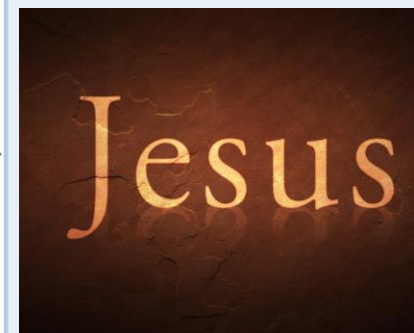
**Friday:** Matthew 28:18 All authority has been given to Jesus.

**Saturday:** John 10:25-30 Jesus is God.

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Colossians 1:15-23

Big Idea: Nothing stands in comparison to Jesus.





# Putting the Bible into Practice

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

James 1:22 (NIV)

How does Colossians 1:15-20 help us understand the supremacy of Jesus?

How does understanding Jesus help us better understand God the Father?

If Jesus is above everything, what are some of the implications of this in my life?

Explore the names: Pick up a copy of Navigator's: What's in a Name? Limited copies are at the Welcome Center.

*...An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

Matthew 1:20-21 NIV

In the Scriptures, a person's name had great significance. It reflected that person's character—telling a story about that person. That's why the names given to Jesus were so important. Each name of Jesus recorded in the Bible is a way through which we know Him better. Seeing Him more clearly leads to knowing Him better. And knowing Him better is critical in order to reflect His character to the world around us. Jesus means: Savior, Rescuer, Deliverer.

In short, Jesus does for us what we are not able to do for ourselves.

What are two things you can do that would help you love Jesus more?



The Jesus fish is perhaps the earliest symbol for Christianity. Some reports of its use date back to the end of the 1st Century AD and it is believed to predate the symbol of the cross. The fish is reported to have given Christians a simple means by which to identify themselves as believers in a time of persecution. This was a time when Christians began to encounter pagan emperors and others who called themselves gods. As Christians proclaimed the sin of idol worship and false saviors, it was important to boldly stand on and state their beliefs even though it placed them in danger.

<https://www.allaboutgod.com/jesus-fish.htm>

## *Praying God's Word~*

Colossians 1:15-20

- Thank God for the supremacy of Jesus.
- Thank God for Jesus' creative power.
- Thank God for Jesus' eternity.
- Thank God that Jesus is the head of the church.
- Thank God that through Jesus shed blood we can be reconciled with God the Father.

*Pray*