



Series: Life With Jesus – Week 2

Sermon Title: The Supremacy of Christ

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Colossians 1:15-23

Today, we're going to be talking about the awe-inspiring nature of Jesus.

Big Idea: Remember and Worship the supremacy of Christ

We're going to look at three characteristics of Jesus:

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God

Colossians 1:15

Paul writes that Jesus is the (Eikon) “image” of the invisible God and that word “image” means the very substance or essential embodiment of something or someone. **Hebrews 1:3**

Jesus said, “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father (**John 14:9**). Anyone who has seen Christ has therefore “seen” God. Jesus’ supremacy is shown in his relationship and perfect resemblance and representation of God and in his relationship to creation, to you!

Colossians 1:15 says he is “The Firstborn of all creation.” “Firstborn” denotes two things of Christ: He preceded the whole creation (in time), and He is Sovereign over all creation (rank). When Jesus declared himself “the first” (Rev 1:17), He used a word that means “absolutely first”. Nothing comes before Jesus.

Christ is Sovereign over all creation

Colossians 1:16

“Christ is sovereign over all creation,” but what does sovereignty mean? It means One that exercises supreme, permanent authority. The key word there is permanent authority. Jesus is not moveable. He can not be overthrown. He is the stability our hearts long for.

Jesus is not only the one through whom all things came to be but also the One by whom they continue to exist. **John 1:3**

Psalm 48 is a beautiful Psalm where words of worship begin flowing from the mouth of the writer.

Christ reconciles all things through his death and resurrection.

Colossians 1:18-23

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you are not the CEO of your life. Jesus is.

If you are a follower of Jesus, you recognize that without him, you are in opposition to God. Without him, we are alienated and hostile in our minds toward God.

If you are a follower of Jesus, then your purpose in life is to be holy for his glory. His death and resurrection were for our purification.

Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ is the good news. It's the key that unlocks the door to forgiveness, purpose, healing, and hope.

God is holy, just, and loving, but humanity's sin has separated us from Him. Sin is disobedience to God's commands and falls short of His standards.

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The Bible teaches that the penalty for sin is physical and spiritual death.

Romans 6:23a, "For the wages of sin is death."

God's love for humanity led Him to send Jesus Christ, His Son, as the Savior.

John 3:16

Jesus lived a sinless life and died on the cross to pay the penalty for humanity's sins. His death serves as a substitutionary atonement; in other words, we deserved the cross, but Jesus subbed us out so that he would take on that punishment instead and, by doing so, reconciled humans to God.

After three days, Jesus rose from the dead, demonstrating His *power* over sin and death. His resurrection offers the promise of **eternal life** to those who believe. **Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."** When we truly receive it

in our hearts, we are compelled to Repentance and to live a New Life (2 **Corinthians 5:17**)

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **God has all authority. Why, then, is there such devastation in the world?**
- **Colossians 1:15 says Jesus is “The Firstborn of all creation.” How would you explain that verse to someone without making it sound like Jesus was a created being?**
- **What are some things that hold people back from fully worshiping God?**
- **How does knowing Jesus is the supreme authority strengthen your faith?**