

## **Not A Good Person**

*"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him, all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things, He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell."*

**Colossians 1:15-19**

We are examining the \_\_\_\_\_ walls of the Christian faith.

*"I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary."*

*"Take away from Christianity the name and person of Jesus Christ and what have you left? Nothing! The whole substance and strength of the Christian faith centers in Jesus Christ. Without Him, there's absolutely nothing."*

*"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. 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**

*"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."* **Genesis 3:15**

### **1) Jesus, the Christ, is His \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about Him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of Western culture for almost 20 centuries. It is from His birth that most of the human race dates its calendars. And it is by His name that millions curse, and in His name, millions pray."* **Jaroslav Pelikan**

### **2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, the Christ.**

*"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."* **Philippians 2:5,6**

*"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin."* **Hebrews 4:15**

*"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given."* **Isaiah 9:6**

*"This is a mystery which we must not attempt to fathom, for it is utterly beyond the grasp of any finite being. As well might a gnat seek to drink in the ocean, as a finite creature to try and comprehend the Eternal God, a God whom we could understand would be no God. If we could grasp Him, He would not be infinite. If we could understand Him, then He would not be divine."* **Charles Spurgeon**

Mary deserves your \_\_\_\_\_, but not your \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_yells louder, but \_\_\_\_\_ lasts longer.

*"Do whatever he tells you."* **John 2:5**

*"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"*

**Luke 1:46,47**

**3) Jesus fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_.**

We believe in Jesus because He fulfilled prophecies.

Peter Stoner, with a PhD in mathematics, calculated the possibility of anybody fulfilling eight (8) specific prophecies given in the Old Testament. One in 10 to the 17th power

**4) Jesus Christ our \_\_\_\_\_.**

That has always been the powerful, the irreducible minimum because that is what Jesus believed about Jesus.

*"The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God."* **John 19:7**

CS Lewis, an avowed atheist, recognized what's been called the Trilemma.

- Jesus is a liar because he knows what he is saying is not true, but he is saying it anyway.
- Jesus is a lunatic because he believes what He saying, and He doesn't know it's not true.
- Jesus is saying what He's saying because He believes it's true, and it is true.

*"There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."*

**Romans 3:22-24**

*"The wages of sin is death,"* **Romans 6:23**