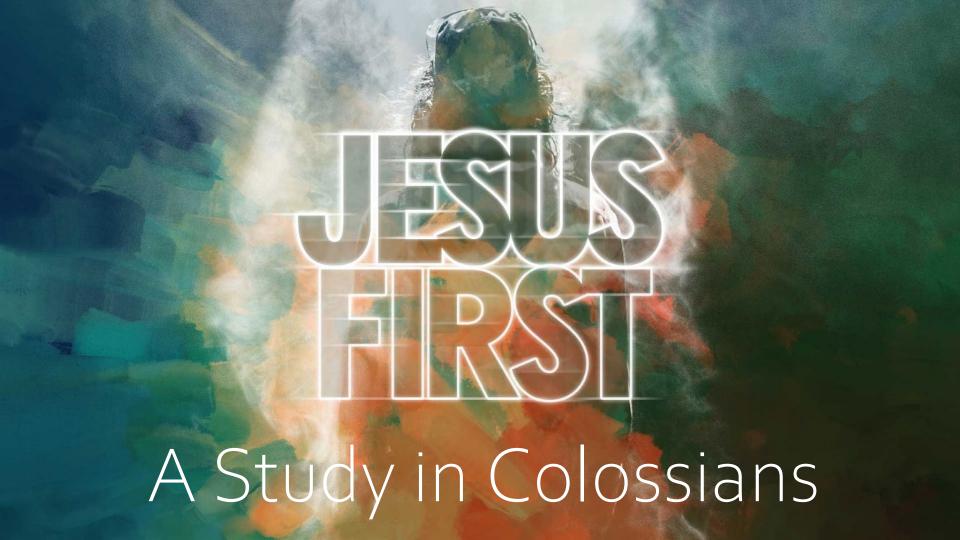
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JESUS FIRST - COLOSSIANS STUDY WORKSHEET 1

Introduction to Letter Author:	
Date:	
Recipients:	
Occasion:	
The Colossian Heresy Historical Context and Religious Syncretism:	
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Jewish Mysticism	
Folk Religion	
Early Gnosticism	
Countering the Heresy: The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus Theological Center:	
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Against Private Visions	
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# Introduction to the Letter

#### Author(s) – <u>The</u> Apostle Paul + Timothy

# Date – A.D. 60-62



### Recipients -Church in Colossae + Planted by Epaphras





#### Occasion – An unnamed false teacher was exerting his influence on the church



Jewish Mysticism -Visions of God's chariotthrone produced by extreme adherence to torah and harsh treatment of the body



#### Folk Religion –

Invoking angelic protection against evil spirits through the use of magic, taboos, and amulets

#### Gnosticism Initiation into secret knowledge ('mysteries') and body/spirit dualism

Countering the Heresy: The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus

#### **Theological Center:** Jesus is supreme above all the powers, angelic, elemental, and demonic forces + Jesus is sufficiency to liberate, protect, and guide the Colossians.

#### **Against Private Visions**

Paul isn't opposed to private visions in themselves - he is opposed to them as the sole basis of teachers authority and revelation.

#### Against Secret Knowledge

Rather than exalting secret knowledge available to few, Paul exalts public revelation available to all.

## Against Angelic and Elemental Powers

Rather than finding security in angelic protection, Paul exalts Jesus as the Lord and Victor over all powers and the source of security

**Against Ascetic Practice** Paul views extreme asceticism as a contributor to human pride and only worsening human bondage to sin.

