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“For Christ and the Kingdom”

Christ the King Sunday

Col. 1: 11-20

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“Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” (Matt. 11: 2)

Two REALLY BIG questions that have been around since Jesus’ first advent...

I. Is Jesus really the _____?

- MAGI - “Where is the _____ who has been born king of the Jews...for we have seen his star and have come to worship him.” (Matt. 2: 1-2)
- HEROD - “Go and search diligently and find the king...and when you do, please come tell *me* where he is so that I might also pay _____ to him.” (Matt. 2: 8)
- JOHN - “Jesus - are _____ the king, or what?”
- HOMETOWN - “He’s not king - he’s the _____ from up the street.”
- PILATE - “So _____ you a king?” (John 19: 37)
- SOLDIERS - “_____ King of the Jews!” (Matt. 27: 29)
- CHIEF PRIESTS - “We have no king but the _____.” (John 19: 15)
- GNOSTICS - “Jesus wasn’t really _____. Jesus wasn’t really _____.”

PAUL’S FIVE REBUTTALS: (Col. 1: 15-20)

- (1) Jesus is the very image of the invisible God. (v. 15)
- (2) Jesus is the firstborn of all creation - and in him, all things *were* created. (vv. 15-16)
- (3) Jesus is the Head of the Body, the church. (v. 18)
- (4) Jesus is the firstborn from the dead. (v. 18) Jesus *was* fully human, and shed his blood and really died on the cross. Then he rose from the dead - the *firstborn*...that means because he lives, we shall live also.
- (5) Jesus is *fully God*. “In Jesus the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.” (v. 19)

II. If Jesus is King, so _____?

- (1) Jesus, the King, _____ us from the power of darkness, and transferred us into his kingdom.
- (2) Jesus redeemed us, and reconciled us to God. Jesus thinks we are worth _____.