

▼ **Who Is Jesus? - Part 2**

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- **Read the Passages: Colossians 1-2; Revelation 4-5:**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Understand the big picture.
- Understand who Jesus is.

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- Paul introduces himself. - Colossians 1:1-2
- Paul explains his motivation for writing. - Colossians 1:3-8
- ▼ Paul explains his objectives for the Colossians. - Colossians 1:9-14
 - For God to fill the Colossians with the knowledge of his will.
 - ▼ So they may live a life worthy of the Lord pleasing him in every way:
 - bearing fruit in every good work,
 - growing in the knowledge of God,
 - strengthened with all power,
 - having great endurance and patience.
 - joyfully giving thanks to the Father.
 - ▼ Understanding their new status:
 - qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints in the Kingdom of light,
 - rescued from the dominion of darkness,
 - brought into the Kingdom of the Son he loves,
 - in whom they have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- Paul explains who Jesus is. - Colossians 1:15-20
- Paul explains how Christ has impacted the Colossians. - Colossians 1:21-23
- Paul explains what he has been up to. - Colossians 1:24-27
- Paul explains his general mission. - Colossians 1:28-29

▼ **Understand who Jesus is.**

- Image of the invisible God. - Jesus is God's representative. - Colossians 1:15
- ▼ Firstborn over all creation. - Jesus is our big brother. - Colossians 1:15-17

- Everything was created by him and for him.
- He is before all things in him all things hold together.
- ▼ Head of the church. - Colossians 1:18
 - Beginning and firstborn from among the dead.
 - Supreme in everything.
 - All God's fullness dwells in him. - Colossians 1:19
 - Through Jesus God is reconciling everything to himself. - Colossians 1:20
- **The Lion/Lamb - Revelation 4 - 5**
- ▼ **Key Concepts**
 - ▼ Jesus is God's representative.
 - We don't understand who God is until we look at Jesus. - Matthew 11:27
 - We don't understand what it means to be human until we look at Jesus.
 - We don't understand the way the world works until we look at Jesus. - Colossians 1:17
 - ▼ God is reconciling everything to himself through Jesus. - Colossians 1:20
 - This is a much bigger deal than just "going to heaven" when we die!
 - We are part of this reconciling mission. This is why we need to "bear fruit in every good work" and have "great endurance and patience"!
- ▼ **Conclusion**
 - Jesus is God's supreme representative and his chief agent in reconciling everything to himself. We must be aligned with this two great truths!
- ▼ **Discussion / Reflection Questions:**
 - Where is the pain in your world? What parts of your world need reconciling to God?
 - Who is Jesus? How does this relate to the pain and need for reconciliation in your world?
 - What is God calling you to do about the pain and the need for reconciliation?
 - What disciplines do you need to work on as you go where God is leading you?

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- **Scripture: Ephesians, Colossians**

▼ Who is Jesus?

▼ Ephesians 1:

- Raised from the dead and seated at God's right hand. Ephesians - 1:20
- Permanently far above all rule, authority, power, dominion, title. - Ephesians 1:21
- Head over everything for the church. Ephesians 1:22

▼ Ephesians 2:

- The Chief Cornerstone of God's household. - Ephesians 2:20

• Ephesians 3:

▼ Ephesians 4:

- The one who gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to the church to prepare God's people for service to build up the body of Christ. - Ephesians 4:11-13

▼ Ephesians 5:

- Head and savior of the church. - Ephesians 5:23
- The one who gave himself for the church to make her holy. - Ephesians 5:25-26

• Ephesians 6:

▼ Colossians 1:

- The image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. - Colossians 1:15
- The one by whom and for whom all things were created. - Colossians 1:16
- He is before all things and in him all things hold together. - Colossians 1:17
- 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. - Colossians 1:18
- All God's fullness dwelt in him. - Colossians 1:19
- He is the one through whom God is reconciling to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. - Colossians 1:20

▼ Colossians 2:

- The one in whom are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge. - Colossians 2:3
- In him all the fullness of the deity lives in bodily form. - Colossians 2:9
- Head over every power and authority. - Colossians 2:10

▼ Revelation 5:

- The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David.
- The lamb who was slain.
- He is worthy and able to take the scroll and open its seals.
- He stands in the center of God's throne.
- He is worshiped by the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders.
- He made us a kingdom and priests.
- He is worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise. He is worshiped by 100,000,000 angels.
- He purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.
- He is worshiped by every creature in heaven and on earth.

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