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TITLE: Who is Jesus?

Who is Jesus? This is probably one of the most debated answers out there. But it’s also the most important question you can answer, because how you answer changes how you live today and where you will spend eternity.

So how would you answer this question? Who is Jesus? I guess the better question is, how does the Bible answer this question? We’re going to answer this question this week, as we continue our study of Colossians. Here is how Paul begins to answer the question of “Who is Jesus?”

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation” (Col. 1:15, NLT).

In verse 15, we find the heart of the issue that the Colossians were facing. You may remember from last week that Paul was writing the Colossian church to combat false teaching about Christ. The most serious aspect of this heresy was that Jesus wasn’t God.

This isn’t any different today. Many people view Jesus as a great teacher and a moral reformer. Some today reject his reformation, as the culture becomes more “woke”. Still others teach He was man, but became God. Others declare He is one of many gods - so many bad understandings of Jesus’ identity.

Well, here Paul says that Jesus is the image or the icon of the invisible God. Paul doesn’t mean Jesus is a picture of God or the Bobblehead version. Paul is saying that Jesus *is* God. He is the exact representation of God. That’s why Jesus said, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). To think of Jesus as anything less than God is blasphemy.

Paul goes on to say, Jesus is the exact image of God and the Firstborn of all Creation. Now, many Arians and Jehovah’s Witnesses point to this passage as a proof text for Jesus being a created being. This is simply not true. It’s poor hermeneutics. Paul uses a word that can mean first in chronology, but primarily refers to first in rank or status. This would coincide with Jesus being referred to as the only begotten Son of God. Begotten comes from a word that means to be one of a kind, or in a class all of its own.

When we look at this passage as a whole, which we will continue to do, it's impossible to take Jesus for anything but being God, who is One of a kind. There is no one like God. Who is Jesus? God.

So this is my challenge for you today: Share this teaching with someone who has wrestled with understanding who Jesus is. Maybe it's a sibling, a parent, a friend, a coworker, or that skeptic online.

Jesus isn't a "good dude", or the originator of the hipster beard. Jesus is God. Jesus is the Over-All-Creation. There is no one like Him. That is why we call him our Savior, Redeemer, and our King.

Now that you know who Jesus is, go win the day.