

Built Different

No Rival: Jesus is Lord!

Colossians 1:15-23

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Message Summary.

When it comes to authority over creation, Jesus has no rival. As believers, it is imperative that we understand all the fullness of salvation is summed up in Christ's being and sacrifice. And once we put our hope in him, we must continue in that hope until the end of our time on earth.

Key Scriptures

Colossians 1:15

Exodus 33:19-20

Hebrews 1:1-3

Colossians 1:16-17

Ephesians 2:10

John 1:1-5

Colossians 1:17

2 Peter 3:10

Colossians 1:18-22

Job 19:25

1 Peter 2:24-25

Start Talking.

What would it mean to 1st century Jewish people that Jesus is the "image of the invisible God"?

Why does Paul go to such great lengths to describe Jesus as a creator?

Why does Paul say that creation was made both "through" Jesus, as well as "for" Jesus?

Start Thinking.

- Read verses 21-23. What does it look like in daily life not to, "shift from the hope of the gospel"?

Start Sharing.

1. In what ways have you seen Jesus "Hold all things together" in your life?
2. We are all a part of creation and were made FOR Jesus. How can we honor that with our lives and actions?
3. What is one thing you can do to improve remaining steadfast in your faith?

Start Praying.

Jesus, I recognize and honor your place over all creation. I am grateful and humbled by the sacrifice you made in order to bring your creation to yourself. Give me wisdom and confidence in my hope of the gospel, and help me to use my life and resources for you and your kingdom. Amen.

Start Doing.

- Ask God to help you keep the lordship and authority of Jesus in perspective. Too often we fall into the trap of living for ourselves instead of our king.
- Pray to God each morning this week that he will make clear the good works he has prepared for you to do.
- Ask your ONE to attend church with you next Sunday.

