

More than a Baby: Creator

Colossians 1:15-17 12-5/6-21

Points

- The Story of Jesus doesn't start in the manger.
- 1. Jesus who was before is; 2. Jesus the Savior; 3. Jesus the Supreme; 4. Jesus the Coming Victor.
- Jesus was before is
- Colossians 1:15 - ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
- ... the invisible God.
- Absent a picture, we create our own image of God
- The Son is the image of the invisible God.
- Everything you need to know about God is found in Jesus.
- The firstborn of all creation.
- Jesus was before is.
- Colossians 1:16 - ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.
- Jesus was before is.
- For in him all things were created
- Only in Jesus is there an environment for creation to exist.
- Genesis 1:1-2 – In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness hovered over the face of the earth, and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- Are you beginning to realize your ideas about Jesus may be too small?
- ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities.
- Psalm 139:14 – I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...
- When I cannot understand his plan, I will trust his hand.
- All things have been created through him and for him.
- Colossians 1:17 - ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- Jesus followers: Kneel at the manger and marvel your creator came for you.

Group Discussion Questions

Starter: Can you think of any incorrect beliefs that people have about Jesus that come up at Christmas?

Go Deeper

1. Read Colossians 1:15
2. As a group, think about stories in the gospels about Jesus. What do these stories tell you about the character of Jesus?
3. Imagine God decided to make you the firstborn, the one in charge and responsible for his creation. What that be like? In what way does this help you understand Jesus?
4. Read Colossians 1:16
5. As a group take three minutes, and list as many things as you can think of that Jesus made. What does this tell you about Jesus?
6. What comes to mind when you read about Jesus creating "thrones, powers, rulers, or authorities?" Does it make you uncomfortable that Jesus has allowed evil people to be in power? How would you explain this to a non-believer?
7. Read Colossians 1:17
8. What image comes to mind when you hear about Jesus holding all creation together? How will this impact how you live your life?