

Colossians 1:15-23,

The Colossians heard, "Worship Jesus, but not exclusively. Jesus is just one spirit among many to be worshipped." In this passage we'll study Paul's adamant declaration of Christ's supremacy over every being and idea which invites our attention.

1. What problems have you encountered in helping someone understand why Jesus is the only way to God?

2. Read Colossians 1:15-23. Make as many statements as you can about why Jesus is supreme (vv. 15-18). Begin each with, "Christ is . . ."

3. What difficulties do you have in relating to an invisible God?

How has Jesus overcome those difficulties (v. 15)?

4. What does it mean that Jesus is the "firstborn over all creation," and what is the significance of that?

5. How many times is the word "all" used between verses 15-20? What is the significance of that word and the repetition of that word?

6. With the heresy that was being taught in Colossae, what is the significance of Paul's declaration of Christ being the creator of everything in verses 16-17?

7. How do discoveries made through microscopes and telescopes add to your appreciation of Jesus' supremacy over nature (vv. 16-17)?

8. What does it mean that Christ is the "head of the body, the church" (v. 18)?

In what practical ways is Christ's headship evident in your church?

9. What actions was God pleased to take to reconcile us to himself (vv. 19-22)?

10. How does understanding God's actions help you explain why Jesus is the only way to God?

11. How do the words *reconciled, holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation* (vv. 22-23) motivate you to continue firm in your faith in Christ?

12. How might those words appeal to unspoken needs of the friends you want to introduce to Jesus?

13. Spend some time worshiping Jesus Christ for who he is and what he has done for you and your friends who don't yet know him.