



## Colossians: Week 2 – Jesus First

There's little doubt about whether or not Jesus actually existed as a literal figure in history. The question is, was he literally God in the flesh? If he wasn't, then nothing he said or did matters. If he was, then everything he said and did matters more than anything else. The Apostle Paul leaves no room for doubt about the true nature and identity of Jesus.

### Discussion Questions:

1. If someone asked you who Jesus is, how would you answer?
2. Read **Colossians 1:15-20**
3. What does it mean that Jesus is the "image of the invisible God"? How can this help you better understand the nature and character of God? For more on this, Read **John 5:16-23, 26; 8:49-59; 12:49-50; 16:25-28; 17:20-24**. What does Jesus say about Himself?
4. What is the significance of Jesus being fully God?
5. If Jesus is the creator and sustainer of all things, what does the incarnation and crucifixion tell us about the character of God (see **Philippians 2:5-8**)?
6. In verse 17, Paul says that Jesus holds all things together. What does this imply about His ongoing role in the world today? How should this encourage us as his followers?
7. Why do you think the supremacy of Jesus is such an important truth in our faith? Would you say Jesus is preeminent in your life? If not, what do you think needs to change? Does this passage change anything about how you see Jesus?
8. What was your biggest takeaway from the message/passage?