What Does The Evidence Suggest About Jesus? \*The Case For Christ, Pt.1 Colossians 1:15–20 March 26, 2017

<u>Colossians 2:6</u>, So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in Christ all the fullness of the <u>Deity lives in bodily form</u>, <sup>10</sup>and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

#### Who Is The Real Jesus?

1. Jesus Is GOD

<u>Colossians 1:15</u>, The Son is the <u>image</u> of the invisible God, the <u>Firstborn</u> over all creation.

- He Is The Visible Image Of The <u>INVISIBLE GOD</u>
- He Is Preeminent Over All <u>CREATION</u>

John 14:9, Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

# 2. Jesus Is CREATOR

<u>Colossians 1:16</u>, For in Him all things were <u>created</u>: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; <u>all things have been</u> <u>created through Him and for Him</u>. <sup>17</sup><u>He is before all things</u>, and in Him all things hold together.

• All Things Have Been Created Through Him And For Him, Therefore He Is <u>UNCREATED</u>

- He Is Before All Created Things, Therefore, He Is <u>ETERNAL</u>
- He Holds All Things Together; Therefore, He Is <u>ALL-POWERFUL</u>

John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

# 3. Jesus Is The Head Of The <u>CHURCH</u>

<u>Colossians 1:18</u>, And He is the head of the body, <u>the church</u>; He is the beginning and the <u>Firstborn</u> from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

### 4. Jesus Is Our <u>SALVATION</u>

**Colossians 1:19**, For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 2:13, When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. <u>He forgave us all our sins</u>, <sup>14</sup>having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, <u>triumphing over them by the cross</u>.

#### **Cottonwood Creek Challenge:**

• Join in the Cottonwood Creek family and follow the Pastor's daily blog as we begin our journey to Easter, with our 21 days to Easter reading plan! You can find it

on his website: johnmarkcaton.com; Twitter: @johnmarkcaton; Facebook: /johnmarkcaton; Instagram: PastorJohnMark

• Begin praying and thinking now about who you want to invite to one of our five Easter Weekend Services: Saturday, April 15 at 6:00p; Sunday, April 16 at 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a and 12:30p.

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