

SERMON-BASED STUDY: JESUS IS SUPREME

Hebrews 1:1-3, ESV – Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 How did God speak in the past, and what was the nature of that revelation? How does He speak by His Son, and how is this different than, or similar to, in the past?
- 2 What does it mean for Jesus to be the *radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature*?

- 3 How does the divine authority of Jesus as Creator and Sustainer influence your perspective on His power and authority today?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Colossians 1:15-20, ESV** – ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- 4 What does Colossians 1:15-17 teach about Jesus' role in the creation of the universe?

- 5 In what ways is the *fullness of God* in Christ significant for understanding his nature and role?

- 6 What does it mean for Christ to be *the firstborn from the dead* and how does this relate to His preeminence?

B **Colossians 1:21-23, ESV** – ²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

- 7 What does it mean to be reconciled to God? What is the purpose of this reconciliation?

- 8 What does it mean for us to be holy, blameless and above reproach? Why is it important for Jesus to present us to God in this fashion?

TAKING IT HOME

How does the superiority of Jesus over prophets and angels, as described in Hebrews 1, affect your understanding of your relationship with Him? What practical steps can you take to honor Him as the supreme Creator, Sustainer, Purifier and Ruler of all things in your life?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

John 1:1, 14a, 18

Romans 11:36

Hebrews 10:32-34; 13:24