

ROOTED: Jesus
Colossians 1:11-20

This text focuses on Jesus' identity and attributes.

What are some words and ways Christians describe Jesus?

What are some ways in which non-Christians have described Jesus?

In this text, Paul describes various characteristics and attributes of Jesus. Those attributes include: Jesus is the image and visible representation of the invisible God; Jesus was involved in creating everything; Jesus is presently holding everything together; and Jesus is the ultimate leader of the church.

Was this the first time you had heard/learned of any of those attributes?

Which, if any, of those attributes do you find most interesting? Why?

Which, if any, did you find the most confusing?

Which, if any, did you find the most encouraging?

Are there any things about God, the Father, that you sometimes find difficult to understand or comprehend? If so, are there any stories about Jesus that help you better understand that attribute of God?

In the sermon, we discussed how one of the descriptions about Jesus ("firstborn") was taken out of context by a person named Arius and how his heresy led to the creation of a creed that is often read in churches.

Have you ever seen one verse be taken in isolation and out of context to build a belief system upon?

Are there helpful ways to avoid making that mistake?

Have you been in a church where creeds were a normal part of the service? If so, was there anything you enjoyed about the reading of the creeds? Was there anything you did not enjoy?