

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEKEND

### BIG JESUS

Colossians 1:15 – 20

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### MESSAGE NOTES

... [Christ] made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! — Philippians 2:7 – 8

*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the Head of the body, the church; He is the Beginning and the Firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, 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 1:15 – 20*

*The Son is the image of the invisible God. — Colossians 1:15a*

#### 1. Exact Image of God.

*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14*

*Jesus said, "... Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father." — John 14:9*

*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being ... — Hebrews 1:3*

*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. — 2 Corinthians 4:4*

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. — 2 Corinthians 4:6*

... *the firstborn over all creation. — Colossians 1:15b*

#### 2. Supreme above all.

*But in these last days He [God] has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe. — Hebrews 1:2*

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

#### 3. Creator and sustainer of all things.

*Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. — John 1:3*

*... there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. — 1 Corinthians 8:6*

*The Son is ... sustaining all things by His powerful Word. — Hebrews 1:3*

*And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. — Colossians 1:18*

#### 4. Leader of His people, the church.

*And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way. — Ephesians 1:22 – 23*

*For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, 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 1:19 – 20*

#### 5. Savior of the world.

*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. — Revelation 22:13*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was one significant thing you recall from this weekend?
- How has commercialism and technology contributed to a Christ-less Christmas for many people?
- Take some time to think back over the five significant attributes of Christ we see in Colossians 1:15 – 20.
- Are there any of these five that are hard to comprehend?
- What would you say are the practical, daily, implications of these truths for us as followers of Jesus?
- As you consider this holiday season, how would you like these realities to shift your thinking and even how you celebrate?