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Colossians 1:15 – 23

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MESSAGE NOTES

“He’s not a tame lion.” — C.S. Lewis, *The Chronicle of Narnia*

- **Look Up: See Jesus for who He is**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. — Colossians 1:15 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... All things were made through Him ... — John 1:1, 3 (ESV)

... all things were created through Him and for Him ... and in Him all things hold together.
— Colossians 1:16 – 17 (ESV)

And 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. — Colossians 1:18 (ESV)

- **Look Back: See what Jesus has done**

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ... — Colossians 1:19 (ESV)

... and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. — Colossians 1:20 (ESV)

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, ...
— Colossians 1:21 – 22 (ESV)

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” — 1 Corinthians 15:55 (ESV)

- **Hold Fast: See Jesus holding you**

... if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard... — Colossians 1:23 (ESV)

— *“I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages.”* — Charles Spurgeon

— **Because Jesus is above everything, we can trust Him with everything**

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Colossians 1:15–23 gives us one of the clearest and most breathtaking pictures of Jesus in Scripture. Paul calls us to LOOK UP and see Jesus for who He truly is, the Creator and Sustainer who is above all. We LOOK BACK and rest in what Jesus has done through the cross and resurrection to reconcile us to God. And we HOLD FAST when life shifts, remembering that our hope is anchored in Christ. Because Jesus is above everything, we can trust Him with everything.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: What is something that has felt really BIG in your life lately, even if it was something small?
- Read Colossians 1:15–17. What stands out to you most about who Jesus is in these verses, and why?
- Read Colossians 1:19–22. What does it mean that Jesus has reconciled us to God, and why is that important to our faith?
- Why does it matter that Jesus Christ, the One who died for us, is also the One who created and holds all things together? What does that reveal about the depth of His love for us?
- Read Colossians 1:23. What helps you HOLD FAST to the hope of the gospel when life feels uncertain or begins to shift?
- Prayer: Where do you most need to trust that Jesus is holding you right now? Share with the group and pray for one another.