



## KING FOREVER

### Week 2 | Christ is King

#### | KEY THOUGHTS

- When things get out of order, bad things can happen.
- Jesus is...
  - **The image of the invisible God:** God is spirit, but Jesus is visible, God in the flesh
  - **The firstborn of all creation:** not a creation of God, but possessing a special place in the Father's love and a place of leadership over the family
  - **The creator of all things, holding all things together:** he keeps the universe from exploding into atomic chaos
  - **Head of the Church specifically,** leading the way in resurrection from the dead.
  - **Preeminent - above all things, all the time**
- **Jesus is First:**
  - The first to live in full obedience to God the Father
  - First in the Church
  - First in heaven, in earth, in all things
- **The fullness of God dwells in Him**
- As God, He reconciled all things to himself, **fulfilling the covenant that God made with Abraham in Genesis 15**, because there was no way we could do it ourselves
- Loving Jesus first and most is rightly ordered love

## | SCRIPTURE

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For 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. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)**

5 And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6 And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram...

**Genesis 15:5-6, 17-18 (ESV)**

52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”

**Matthew 26:52-54 (ESV)**

## | PRACTICAL

- In light of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, my best response is to love Him first and most.
- I must get off the throne of my own life and let Him sit there as King, realizing that He ALREADY is first—and acknowledging that I'm not.
- Sin is loving less important things more, and loving more important things less; acknowledging that Christ is first enables us to put our loves in the right order.
- Pick up the "Christ is First" meditation guide and spend time this week meditating on Christ's "first-ness."

## | REFLECT

- Jesus is God. What does that mean for my life?
- Consider that when Jesus fulfilled the covenant on my behalf, God died on the cross for me; the Creator of all things was humiliated my behalf; the one who holds all things together was punished so I don't have to be; the Preeminent One became the servant of all so that I can live forever.
- What are my disordered loves?
- Yes, Jesus loves me; but first and mostly, He loves the Father; His loves are in perfect order.

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