

The Supremacy of Christ

Tomorrow someone asks you: Why do Christians make such a big deal about Jesus? What would you say?

Read Col 1:15-20

- What do we learn about who Jesus is in these verses? Try and paraphrase what you think each phrase in the passage means
- How would you respond to the claim that Col 1:15 shows that Jesus is less than divine because he is 'the firstborn of all creation'?
- Think about some of the consequences of really believing that *everything* was created through and for Jesus
- If 'the church' refers to the gathering of believers (back then in Philemon's house in Colossae, or in any other place), how should Col 1:15-20 transform our appreciation of the group of believers to which you belong?
- What role does the cross play in all of this?

Read Col 1:21-23

- What were the Colossians once like?
 - o How do you see this enmity towards God amongst your unbelieving friends/family/co-workers?
- Using Col 1:15-23 explain the difference Christ Jesus has made in your life
- What are the major threats that you see to your continuing in the faith? What is your responsibility in the face of these things?
 - o Give practical examples of how you and we can 'continue on our faith, established and firm'