

Jesus Is Lord | Week 1

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. He is the author of all things, the creator and sustainer of all that exists. Jesus is in charge of the church and is the sovereign Savior who reconciled us to God through His blood, shed on the cross. The Christian faith is built entirely on the person of Jesus Christ. To believe in Jesus so fully that we give our hearts, our trust, and our lives to this truth—no matter the cost—is to truly understand what it means to say, "I believe."

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- If this is a new group, share your name and how long you've been at Sun Valley. What keeps you coming back?
- Share a highlight from the summer. How did you stay connected to God?
- What are you looking forward to in this series or in this group?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

Watch the Video (5 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [Colossians 1:15-20](#).
- You can read along with the Apostles' Creed on the screen, or you can download it [HERE](#).

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question from the Video:

1. Where in your life do you struggle with Jesus being Lord?

Scripture Observation:

Read [Colossians 1:15-23](#).

2. Underline the phrase "the image of the invisible God." What does this tell us about who Jesus is and what He reveals about God?
3. Underline the phrase "reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death." What does this tell us about what Jesus did for us?

Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:

4. How does understanding Jesus as God's image help us know what God is like? Does knowing that Jesus shows us what God is like change your view or understanding of God in any way?
5. What does this passage reveal about the scope of Jesus' power and work?

Personal Application:

6. To believe is to trust, and to trust is to obey. Have you put your trust in Jesus? What has that meant for you in your life?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Jesus, thank you for showing us what God is like. Thank you for wrapping yourself up in flesh, dwelling among us, for loving us, and for making a way for us to be reconciled. Help us to trust you as Lord of our lives, and in that, help us to obey You. Thank you for this group. Help us to know you more as we go on this journey together. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

For Further Exploration

- Continue to work on memorizing [the Apostles' Creed](#).
- Follow along with the **Daily Reading Plan in the SV app** for daily bible study related to the weekend message. (*Find it on the Media Feed page at the top*)
- Get to know Jesus more by reading one of the Gospels: the book of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.
 - Click [HERE](#) for a **30-day reading plan through the book of John**.