

**Crash Course for Colossians**  
*What's the Big Deal About Jesus?*  
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**Colossians 1:15-23**

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

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 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, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**Discussion Questions**

What's the worst case of misplaced priorities you've ever seen (no names, please)?

Why do you think the priorities were all wrong?

When you're involved with a long and complex process, is it easy to lose focus sometimes?

What does this poem that Paul wrote tell us about who Jesus is?

Is there anything about Paul's description that you hadn't thought much about before?

Is Jesus bigger than you thought?

If Jesus is everything Paul says He is in this passage, what does it have to do with us?

Who or what should then be the center of our lives?

What changes in verse 21? This whole passage that was about Jesus becomes about who?

So why did the 'Master of the Universe' make it about you on the cross?

What was He doing? (Hint: verse 22)

So, ultimately, what do we do with a Savior who is the center of everything yet gave everything up for you and me?