

TITLE: Jesus, Our King
TEXT: Colossians 1:15-23

1. His relationship with the Father.

Colossians 1:15a: ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God..."

Hebrews 1:3: ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

John 1:18: ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 14:9: Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

2. His relationship with creation.

Colossians 1:15-17: 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.

Psalms 19:1-2: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

3. His relationship with His people.

Colossians 1:18: ⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church.

Acts 9:3-5: ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

4. His relationship with our sin.

Colossians 1:19-23: 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.