

# Eternal Son

Sunday, December 9, 2018 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 2: **He is More Than Most Think!**

Colossians 1:15-20

### It's all about **JESUS**,

Colossians 1:15

#### **Our Core Values:**

1. *It's All About Jesus!*
2. God Wrote it All Down
3. All People Matter
4. We All Need Friends
5. No Sacred Cows

#### **To know who God is, look at Jesus...**

Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:4; John 14:9; John 1:18; 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:16;

#### **To know who you are, look at Jesus...**

Genesis 1:26-27; Philippians 2:6-7; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 2:9-10; 1 John 3:1-2

# the **LORD** of all

Colossians 1:16-18

## ***FIRST over all creation***

Revelation 1:17, 1:5; Psalm 89:27; Romans 8:29; Revelation 19:16

***creator*** of all things

***owner*** of all things

***before*** all things

***sustainer*** of all things

## ***FIRST over the Church***

Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 5:1-4

and the only one **ABLE** to **SAVE** us!

Colossians 1:19-20ff

## ***Only Jesus reconciles us to God***

Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:11-19

## ***Only Jesus is able to save us***

Romans 8:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:17, 4:15

# 1:10 Community Group **Homework**

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## Getting Started

1. Think of an extraordinary personal experience that you could not account for apart from God's unique intervention. What bigger view of God did you learn from that?
2. **Read Colossians 1:15-20.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

## Digging Deeper

*During this series, our study will follow the traditional season of Advent, and reflect on Jesus' first (and second) coming.*

3. Luke begins his Gospel with a similar sensational event—a couple past their reproductive years also having their first child. But the country into which their son was born was very different from affluent America. Israel was a small, second-rate country occupied by imperial Rome. It is 4 B.C. The people had not heard from God in over four hundred years and were starting to wonder if God had forgotten them. Had he reneged on his many promises to send Messiah to deliver them? **Read Luke 1:1-25.**
4. **Verse 7** tells us that Zechariah and Elizabeth were both barren and aging. What do you think this experience would have been like for them—especially in a culture in which parents and children worked together in a trade or in the fields? And in a culture where not having children was a source of shame? — **What are the areas in which people feel shame in our culture?**
5. Look at **verses 5-10.** Do you find any hints as to why God may have used this couple?
6. Based on this account, how would you describe the angel who appears to Zechariah? Is this similar or different from the ways you've seen angels depicted in media/art?
7. Are you sympathetic or critical of Zechariah's unbelief in **v. 18-22**? Why?
8. How do you think Elizabeth took the news? What emotions prevailed in her? (**v. 24-25**)
9. Finish reading the story in **Luke 1:57-80.** When was Zechariah able to speak again?

## Up Close

10. The Holy Spirit sharpened Zechariah's faith to see 1) the great acts that God's Redeemer will do (**v. 68-75**) and 2) his child's unique relation to this Redeemer (**v. 76-79**). Suppose you were one of the neighbors listening to his prophecy. As a devout Jew, which part would have especially stirred you?
11. How do you see God's personal love for Zechariah & Elizabeth (and you) in this account?
12. Reflect on the kind of God you have seen in this chapter. What is this God telling you about how to approach a discouraging situation that you are facing or that you see in the world?
13. Spend some time in prayer, thanking God for being the only source of true hope and love.

Many of this week's questions are adapted from:  
Cindy Bunch, ed., *Advent of the Savior: 6 Studies for Individuals or Groups: With Notes for Leaders, A LifeGuide Bible Study*  
(Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2009), 15-19.

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*Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the "1:10" comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.*

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.  
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

## Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Syracuse.

## Personal Prayer Items

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## Word Find for Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

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**.

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