



Key References:

Colossians 1:15–20 (ESV)

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.

John 1:1–5 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Philippians 2:5–11 (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 – Childlike perspective

Mark shared a story of himself revisiting the house he grew up in, and how he thought it was so big grow up. **Have you ever revisited your childhood house and how did your perspective change?**

When you first became a Christian do you remember being overcome with the enormity of God? How did you feel about the wonder of God at your conversion?

2 – Describing the indescribable

Read Colossians 1:15-20. **Slowly look through this section verse by verse, what is the significance of each statement? Which part stood out to you from Sunday?**

Why would the writer of this letter begin with this lengthy description of Jesus? What happens when we lose sight of who Jesus really is?

What do you think about the bumper sticker “Jesus is my co-pilot”? How does it diminish the true position of Jesus?

3 – Symptoms of a small Jesus

Mark pointed out four signs that Jesus is becoming smaller in perspective in your life. **Do you remember any of them?**

Of the four statements Mark made, how is each a symptom of Jesus being too small in your life?

- > “If you’re not that much into worship”
- > “If you’re not tithing”
- > “If you haven’t taken a risk for Jesus recently”
- > “If everything needs to add up in human-math-terms”

Where does our focus go when Jesus gets smaller?

4 – Falling in love with Jesus again and again

How in love with is Jesus are you? Recently have you been falling more in-love or out-of-love with Jesus?

If we’re out of love with Jesus how can we get back in love? How can we ask god to pour out his spirit on us again?