The Greatest King--Jesus! Colossians 1:13-20

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<u>Revelation 19:16</u>, On His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Why Is Jesus The Greatest King?

Colossians 1:13, For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ 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 and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

1. He Is The King Over His KINGDOM!

(Colossians 1:13, Matthew 28:18)

2. He Is The King Over Our SINS!

(Colossians 1:14, Matthew 20:28)

3. He Is The Image Of The **INVISIBLE GOD**

(Colossians 1:15, John 1:14, & 18, John 14:9)

4. He Is Supreme OVER ALL CREATION

(Colossians 1:15)

*The term "firstborn" refers to rank not time. (Exodus 4:22, Psalm 89:27, John 1:1-3)

5. He Is The Uncreated Creator And Sustainer <u>OF ALL THINGS</u>

(Colossians 1:16, John 1:3, Hebrews 1:3)

6. He Is The Head Of The Body - THE CHURCH

(Colossians 1:18)

*Ekklesia - Greek word meaning, a congregation or assembly of people who have been "called out for salvation, baptism & mission".

*The term "church" can be used in two senses: "Universal" or "Local".

7. He Is Supreme Over The RESURRECTION

(Colossians 1:18)

*The term "beginning" means Origin, Leader, Active Cause, or Ruler.

(1 Corinthians 15:20)

8. He Is The FULLNESS OF ALL THINGS

(Colossians 1:19)

*We have already seen that Christ is the fullness of our forgiveness, redemption, as well as the full expression of God. However, Jesus is also the fullness of God and the fullness of our hope.

(Colossians 2:9)

<u>Colossians 1:27</u>, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

9. He Is The <u>RECONCILER</u> Of All Things To God

(Colossians 1:20)

*That reconciliation can include a sinful you. (Colossians 1:21, Revelation 5:11)