What Does The Evidence Suggest About Jesus? *The Case For Christ, Pt.1

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Colossians 2:6, So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Who Is The Real Jesus?

1. Jesus Is GOD

<u>Colossians 1:15</u>, The Son is the <u>image</u> of the invisible God, the <u>Firstborn</u> over all creation.

- He Is The Visible Image Of The **INVISIBLE GOD**
- He Is Preeminent Over All CREATION

John 14:9, Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."

2. Jesus Is <u>CREATOR</u>

<u>Colossians 1:16</u>, For in Him all things were <u>created</u>: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; <u>all things have been created through Him and for Him</u>. ¹⁷<u>He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.</u>

• All Things Have Been Created Through Him And For Him, Therefore He Is UNCREATED

- He Is Before All Created Things, Therefore, He Is ETERNAL
- He Holds All Things Together; Therefore, He Is <u>ALL-POWERFUL</u>

(John 1:1-5)

3. Jesus Is The Head Of The CHURCH

<u>Colossians 1:18</u>, And He is the head of the body, <u>the church</u>; He is the beginning and the <u>Firstborn</u> from among the dead, <u>so that in everything He might have the supremacy</u>.

4. Jesus Is Our **SALVATION**

<u>Colossians 1:19</u>, For God was pleased to have all His <u>fullness dwell in Him</u>, ²⁰ and through Him to <u>reconcile</u> to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, <u>by making peace through His blood</u>, <u>shed on the cross</u>.

(Colossians 2:13-15)

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