

Easter: Who Is Jesus?
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Matthew 16:13-17 NKJ

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "WHO DO MEN SAY THAT I, THE SON OF MAN, AM?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" Simon Peter answered and said, "YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

JESUS IS GOD!

John 1:1-3 NKJ

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 1:14 NKJ

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Who Is Jesus?

Colossians 1:15-20 CEV

Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen. He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation. Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities. All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him. God's Son was before all else, and by him everything is held together. He is the head of his body, which is the church. He is the

very beginning, the first to be raised from death, so that he would be above all others. God himself was pleased to live fully in his Son. And God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God.

1. Jesus is THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD.

Colossians 1:15 NKJ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

2. Jesus is THE SOURCE OF ALL CREATION.

Colossians 1:16-17 CEV

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Colossians 1:18 CEV

He is the head of his body, which is the church. He is the very beginning, the first to be raised from death, so that he should be above all others.

3. Jesus is the ONLY WAY TO BE RECONCILED TO GOD.

John 14:6 NKJ

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Colossians 1:19-20 NLT

For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God RECONCILED everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.