

COLOSSIANS

Week One: “Who is Jesus, Really?”

For **Monday May 7**, please read the Scriptures below and work through the following questions—remember it is more important to THINK about and WRESTLE with the questions than it is to get the “right” answer! Want to ask a question or talk about it? ssteege@FirstTrinity.com. The back page is for note-taking at class on Monday May 7.

1. Colossians 1:15-20 is known as the “Christ Hymn”. What do you learn about Jesus in Colossians 1:15?
2. Compare Colossians 1:16 with John 1:1-5. What is clear about Jesus in both of these passages?
3. Read Colossians 1:17. What do you think it means that “in him all things hold together?” What does it say about Jesus’ relationship to the creation?
4. Is Jesus God or man, according to Colossians 1:19?
5. What did Jesus do on our behalf according to Colossians 1:20?
6. Read the following passages and list what you learn about Jesus from them:

Isaiah 9:6	Hebrews 2:14
Philippians 2:5-7	1 John 5:20
2 Corinthians 4:4	1 Timothy 2:5

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Who is Jesus, Anyway?

Class Notes, May 7, 2012

Background on Colossians and Colossae

Eugene Peterson...

William Barclay...

Who Am I? (Mark 8:27-33)

- Common understandings of Jesus

Who do you say that I am?

“You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to”
– C.S. Lewis, “Mere Christianity”

Take it further this week:

- Here's the link to the “He's My King” video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzqTFNfeDnE>
- Here's the link to the “laminin” video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0-NPPIeeRk>
- Prepare for next week's class by doing the study sheet.
- Memorize Colossians 1:17 (including the reference). Reflect on it, too.
- Imagine Jesus saying to you, “Who do you say that I am?” Journal about your answer.
- Go to the First Trinity Facebook page and strike up some conversation on what you're learning.