

Teaching Outline

Series: Advent 2018

A King in a Manger

Col 1:15-20 (NLT)

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

- Jesus is _____!

Heb 1:3a The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being.

Jesus is the _____!

Vss 15b-17 He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

Hebrews 1:2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

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John 1:1-2 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. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Hebrews 1:3c "The Son ... sustains ... all things by his powerful word."

Jesus is the _____ of the _____!

Vss 18-20 ¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. ¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰ 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.

Reconcile: to change so as to remove all _____.

_____ : a dividing wall of ill-will/hatred.

Genesis 3:14-15 "So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Jesus is the _____ and He is the _____!

For reflection this week: Am I only comfortable welcoming Jesus as a Baby, or am I willing to call Him King as well?

Closing Song: How Many Kings?