

Jesus: Creator and Sustainer W/C 9th Feb 2025

Brilliant minds across the globe attempt to discover the answers to some of life's most fundamental questions.

The book of Colossians simply gives the answers without qualification. The Bible, as always, is matter of fact in the way it handles major issues of life.

Our part is our willingness to accept the answers we see in the Bible. We will never rationally understand all the answers, but we accept them by faith as we put out trust in Jesus – "It's all about Jesus!"

Welcome: Name a planet, star in our solar system or constellation of stars. Name one each and see how many times you can go round the room.

Reflect: Our God created all these, through his son Jesus!

Worship: Spend some time in worship. Plan an act of worship that is appropriate to your group.

Word: Looking at God's word together:

Read Colossians 1:15-29

1. Jesus is the image of the invisible God. What do we learn about the character of God through Jesus?
2. Most believers find it easier to accept that Jesus is God. Why do you think they find it harder to accept that he was also fully human?
3. What do we see in the Bible that points to the humanness of Jesus?

Pause: What about you? Do you struggle with any aspect of Jesus, his humanity or divinity?

[If necessary, spend time to ask the Holy Spirit to impress these truths into our lives]

4. Jesus is the 'firstborn' over all creation. What difference does it make knowing that Jesus was not a created being in the same way that we are?

5. How does the fact that 'all things' (v16) were created by Jesus, shape our perception of his authority?
6. What does it mean to you that you were created 'for' Jesus?
7. Jesus not only created our universe but he also holds it together. In what ways does this give you security? (or does it?)
8. Look back through the passage, particularly verses 15-17. What big questions does it answer?

Witness: How would you answer someone who believes that Jesus was *only* a good man?

Pray for someone who you know that holds this, or other wrong beliefs about the true identity of Jesus?

Prayer:

- Pray with expectancy that God will do so much more in our own lives and through his church this coming year.
- Pray for the homes in the immediate vicinity of your own home.
- Pray for the upcoming comedy night.
- Pray for the church during Mat's sabbatical. Pray that it will be a fruitful time.
- Pray for those on the mission field.