

Text: Colossians 1:15-20

**Main Focus:** Jesus is Supreme

Two descriptions of Jesus' Supremacy in Colossians 1

- Jesus is the Supreme Creator (Lord of Creation)
- Jesus is the Supreme Redeemer (Lord of Redemption)

### **Description #1**

#### **Jesus is the Supreme Creator (15-17)**

Notice:

- The focus on Jesus' TOTAL supremacy (16, 17)
- The focus on Jesus' DIVINE identity (15)
- The Christmas connections (Matthew 1:22-23; 2:2, 11; Luke 1:32-33, 43, 76)

### **Application:**

Do not be "taken captive" by a false Jesus. (Colossians 2:8)

- The wrong Jesus will lead to you worshipping a false god.

### **Description #2**

#### **Jesus is the Supreme Redeemer (18-20)**

Notice:

- Jesus' supremacy in how he secures us - He is our Head (18)
- What Jesus saves us from:
  - Death (He is the firstborn from the dead)
  - Wrath (He makes peace)
- The Christmas Connections (Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:68, 77-79; 2:11-14)

### **Application:**

**1. Don't come to Christ for something less than salvation**

**2. Remember that Christ saves you into "a body" for love and service**