

## **Introduction:**

What is the biggest challenge you're facing?

How is Jesus calling you to trust Him through it?

How is the enemy trying to cast doubt?

## **Context:**

False teachers arose in Colossae; downplaying the deity and power of Christ along with mixing mysticism and spiritualism into Christianity.

*<sup>13</sup> For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

Colossians 1:13-20

**Four questions to discover who Jesus is:**

**1. Where are you from, Jesus?**

Colossians 1:15

**Answer:** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

**Truth:** Jesus is the physical \_\_\_\_\_ of the invisible God.

**Response:** Therefore, we can \_\_\_\_\_ God personally.

**Application:** I want to \_\_\_\_\_ with Him and \_\_\_\_\_ Him more.

**2. What do you do, Jesus?**

Colossians 1:16-17

**Answer:** *For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

**Truth:** Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of everything.

**Response:** We can \_\_\_\_\_ Him completely.

**Application:** Faith is believing in the character of God and the promises of God to the point of acting. \_\_\_\_\_ is the evidence where you say, God, I trust You.

**3. What is your role, Jesus?**

Colossians 1:18

**Answer:** *He is also head of the body, the Church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

**Truth:** Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church.

**Response:** We must \_\_\_\_\_ Him fully and completely.

**4. What are your goals, Jesus?**

Colossians 1:19

**Answer:** *For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

**Truth:** Jesus is the Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ of time and eternity.

**Response:** We will \_\_\_\_\_ with Him forever.

**Application:**

1. How would you describe Jesus in our own words after reflecting on Colossians 1:15-20?
2. What challenge or difficulty do you think now is beyond Jesus ability to help you to get out of or to get through?
3. What would it look like for you to trust Jesus, completely?

**Jesus' invitation to you = \_\_\_\_\_ to Me**

<sup>28</sup> **"Come to Me**, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and **I will give you rest.** <sup>29</sup> **Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.** <sup>30</sup> **For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."**

Matthew 11:28-30

**The result = \_\_\_\_\_**