

The Incomparable Christ:

The Supremacy of Christ

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:15-18 (NIV)

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT JESUS HAS SUPREMACY OVER ALL THINGS. LET'S EXAMINE WHY...

1. All things were created _____ Jesus.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:3 (NIV)

..but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Hebrews 1:2 (NIV)

2. All things were created _____ Jesus.

For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever!

Romans 11:36 (NLT)

3. Jesus existed _____ anything else.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:1-2 (NIV)

The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

⁴⁹ *"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death."*

⁵² *At this they exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"*

⁵⁴ *Jesus replied, "If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵ Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad."*

⁵⁷ *"You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!"*

⁵⁸ *"Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" ⁵⁹ At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.*

John 8:48-59 (NIV)

4. All things are _____ by Jesus.

*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.
Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)*

5. Jesus is _____ of the _____.