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Colossians 1:15-20



*“The next six verses of the letter are generally, and rightly, reckoned among the most important Christological passages in the New Testament.”*

*-N.T. Wright*

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## Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> 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.

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## Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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.

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## Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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## John 14:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> ... [Jesus speaking] Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father ...

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## Psalm 89:27 (NIV)

And I will appoint him to be my firstborn,  
the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

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A small, dark silhouette of a house with a chimney is positioned between the letters 'O' and 'R' of the word 'BORN'. The house is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow.

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*“And then, one Thursday, nearly two thousand years after one man had been nailed to a tree for saying how great it would be to be nice to people for a change ...”*

*-Douglas Adams*

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*A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.*

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*You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us.*

*-C.S. Lewis*

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## John 8:58 (NIV)

58 “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

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## John 10:30-33 (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> “I and the Father are one.”

<sup>31</sup> Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup> but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?”

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## John 10:30-33 (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”

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A silhouette of a stable with a manger is positioned between the letters 'O' and 'R' of the word 'BORN'. Inside the manger, a baby and a woman are visible, representing the birth of Jesus. The stable is illuminated from within, creating a warm glow that contrasts with the dark night sky.

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