

# Just Jesus: Above All Others

(Colossians 1:15-23)

## Introduction

A) Suppose someone was lying about your best friend [(1)the one that warned you about a bad decision and you made anyway and they stood by you type friend, (2) the one that rescued you from your own stupidity *several times* type friend, (3) the one that you confessed too and they did not judge you type friend, (4) the one that encouraged you when you lost your job, your family, or both type friend, (5) the one that you see every now and then by you pick-up where you left off type friend] and you had the opportunity to defend them.

Essentially, that is what the author is doing. Others people were declaring the Jesus was not enough or that Jesus plus something was necessary for mankind to experience God both here and in eternity.

B) Contextualize this sermon in the series, “Just Jesus.”

C) Contextualize Colossians 1:15-23.

The essence of our Scripture text today is that Jesus is preeminent, supreme, above all others that claim to be the way to God (v.15b, 17a, 18c).

D) So the pressing question today is, “Do **YOU** recognize, both in principle and practice, the preeminence of Jesus?”

## I. The Preeminence of Jesus.

**Question:** *What gives Jesus the right to claim preeminence above all others?*

**A) His Preexistence (1:15a)**

**B) His Position as Creator (1:15b-17)**

(The fingerprints of God are all over his creation!)  
(Talk about the “GOT QUESTIONS” booklet gift.)

**C) His Position as Head of the Church (1:18a)**

**D) His Power (1:18b)**

## **II. The Priority of Jesus In Your Life.**

***Question:** What gives Jesus the right to lay claim to “first place” in my life?”*

**A) Your condition (far from God)(v. 21)**

**B) God’s response (God sought you out)(v. 22a)**

**C) God’s sacrifice (v. 22, 19-20)**

## **III. Practicing the “Jesus Priority”.**

***Question:** How can I live a “Christ priority” life?*

**A) Persevere in the faith (v. 23)**

**B) Confident in hope (v. 23)**

**C) Faithful in service (v. 23)**

## **Conclusion**