**Series: Colossians: Jesus the Game Changer**

**Today: Jesus the One and Only**

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“Behind the debris of our self-styled, sullen supermen, there stands the gigantic figure of one person because of whom, by whom, in whom, and through whom alone mankind might still have hope: the person of Jesus Christ.” ~G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), English writer

“We live in a broken world and we want hope. And we go to movies—we read stories—because we get to see broken people become whole. And that’s the message that Jesus gives us.” ~Matthew Luhn, Pixar Story Editor & Artist

 “The American Jesus is more a pawn than a king, pushed around in a complex game of cultural (and countercultural) chess, sacrificed here for this cause and there for another.” ~Dr. Stephen Prothero, professor at Boston University

1. **Who Is Jesus?**
2. **Jesus is the Creator of All Things.**

***Colossians 1:15-23***

*15The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16For 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. 17He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

1. **Jesus is the Re-Creator and Head of a New Creation.**

*18And 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. 19For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20and 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.*

*21Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because ofyour evil behavior. 22But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— 23if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.*

1. **How Shall We Respond?**
2. **Embrace The Scandal Of Particularity.**
3. **Consider Jesus First In All Things.**