The Person of Jesus Christ

Who is Jesus? It's a question that by nature prompts more questions. Was he fully human? Is he actually God or merely an anointed prophet? Did he always exist? Was he created? Who is the historical Jesus? Join *Groundwork* as we filter through the noise to discover the Bible's answer to these important questions because what we believe about the existence, nature, and person of Jesus Christ profoundly informs how we live our daily lives.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Who do you believe Jesus is?
- Do you have any questions about the identity of Jesus Christ?



READ Colossians 1:9-17

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- While discussing Jesus' humanity in segment 1, host Dave Bast speculates that as Christians today we "have a little bit of trouble imagining or picturing the true humanity of Jesus of Nazareth..." Would you agree or disagree, why?
- In <u>Colossians 1:13-14</u>, the Apostle Paul says that the Kingdom of God belongs to Jesus Christ. How does this truth inform what we believe about Jesus?
- <u>Colossians 1:17</u> says "[Jesus] himself is before all things and in him all things hold together." In what area of your life right now do you need that assurance, that no matter what Jesus Christ holds all things together? How does knowing this influence the way you respond to your situation?
- How does remembering that Christ is both human and divine—the Son of Man and the Son of God—encourage your faith?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Mark 1:27-28, Matthew 16:13-17, John 1:1-18, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, John 3:16-18

CONCLUSION

Re-read <u>Colossians 1:15-17</u>. Then consider the practical questions Dave poses as he closes the Groundwork episode, "*If this is who Jesus is, if everything belongs to him, what about me? Is he the center of my life? Does my life hold together in him? Do I acknowledge him? Is he Lord over me and mine?*"

How do you respond to Dave's closing questions? Re-read <u>Colossians 1:9-12</u>. Does your life: your words, your actions, your choices, etc reflect your response? Why or why not?

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