

# **Jesus Calls the Shots**

*Sunday October 1, 2023  
Series: Putting Jesus First*

*“And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.”  
Colossians 1:18 ESV*

## **Jesus Must Be the Priority in My Life and Our Ministry!**

**Is Jesus \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to be God!**

*“I and the Father are one.”*

*John 10:30 ESV*

*“Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.””*

*John 10:32–33 ESV*

**Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His Claims to be God!**

*“I and the Father are one.”*

*John 10:30 ESV*

*“do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me;”*

*John 10:36–37 ESV*

*“Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?””*

*Matthew 11:2–3 ESV*

*“And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.”*

*Matthew 11:4–5 ESV*

**Why Does Jesus Be Given \_\_\_\_\_ in My Life and Our Church?**

**1. Jesus is God in the \_\_\_\_\_!**

*“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”*

*Colossians 1:15 ESV*

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Image of God in Man**

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”*

*Genesis 1:27 ESV*

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Image of God in Jesus**

*“For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,”*

*Colossians 2:9 ESV*

## 2. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Everything that Exists!

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Chronologically** - Luke 2:7 (Secondary Meaning)

\_\_\_\_\_ **in Rank and Position**—Colossians 1:18 (Primary Meaning)

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\_\_\_\_\_ **of All Creation** —

*“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 ESV*

*“Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it—the LORD is his name:”*

*Jeremiah 33:2 ESV*

*“All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*

*John 1:3 ESV*

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*“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”*

*Colossians 1:16–17 ESV*

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

*Isaiah 55:8–9 ESV*

## 3. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church!

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