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Colossians 1:15-16

"image" – *eikon*
- an exact replica, a precise copy, a perfect ***representation***.
- God is invisible but God has become manifest in the ***person*** of Jesus Christ.
- *John 14:9*

"firstborn over all creation" – *prototokos*
- refers to ***position*** or rank. The firstborn is the one who has the rights of ***inheritance***.
- *Psalm 89:27; Hebrews 1:2*

This verse in Colossians is not about the ***timing*** of Jesus, it is about the position of Jesus: the highest one, the ranking one, and the inheriting one over all creation.

Sin has a way of ***shrinking*** God down and puffing us up in our own estimation, but just a glance into the universe that Jesus has made ***resizes*** everything in a heartbeat.

"thrones, powers, rulers, authorities"
- most commentators understand to be describing different kinds or ranks of ***angels***
- *Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Peter 3:22*
- Jesus is not some angel created by God. Jesus is ***God*** and Jesus is Creator.

Psalms 33:6; 8-9
John 1:14

When we see ourselves as a part of a ***larger*** plan, a larger story and our purpose as a part of the purpose of God, the glory of God, then every moment has meaning, every decision has purpose, every action is important because we were created for and we ***live*** for the King, the firstborn over all creation.

Jesus, show us your glory and help it change our lives today.

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