

“Jesus and the World”

John 1:2-13

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Jesus once said, “he who is not with Me is against Me” (Luke 11:23). Because Jesus is the Creator, Savior, Judge and God, He holds every one in the world accountable for his or her relationship with Him. There is no middle ground. Today we examine four aspects of that accountability:

1. Jesus is the Eternal Creator (1:2-3)

²He was [eimi] in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being [ginomai] by [dia] Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being”

“For by [en] Him all things were created, both in **the heavens and on earth**, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by [dia] Him and for [eis] Him. And He is before all things, and in [en] Him all things hold together” (Colossians 1:16-17)

“God...in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through [dia] whom also He made the world...and upholds all things by the word of His power” (Hebrews 1:1-3)

“In the beginning God [Elohim] created **the heavens and the earth**” (Genesis 1:1)

2. Jesus is Life and Truth (1:4-5)

⁴In Him was life and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it”

3. Jesus was Revealed to the World (1:6-10)

⁶There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came for a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light. ⁹There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him”

“I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; a star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel” (Numbers 24:17; 1400BC)

“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go on ‘before the Lord to prepare His ways’; to give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high shall visit us, ‘to shine upon those who sit in the darkness and the shadow of death’ ” (Luke 1:76-79)

4. Jesus Demands a Response (1:11-13)

¹¹He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”

“He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us, for in Him we live and move and exist... Therefore having over-looked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead” (Acts 17:26-32)