

# The Pre-eminence of Jesus Christ

*Luke 6:1-5*

Jesus Christ excels over all of  
creation and reigns supreme over  
everything in the created order.

# Sermon Objectives

- ◆ The scope of Jesus Christ's pre-eminence
- ◆ The pre-eminence of Jesus Christ in relation to others
- ◆ The reasons for Jesus Christ's pre-eminence

# The scope of Jesus Christ's pre-eminence

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- ◆ **John 17:2 (NIV)** — 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

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- ◆ Over his enemies

- ◆ **1 Corinthians 15:25–26 (NIV) — 25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
**26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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- ◆ Over every power and authority
- ◆ **Colossians 2:15 (NIV) — 15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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- ◆ Over all traditions and institutions
- ◆ **Matthew 12:8 (NIV) — 8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”**



# The scope of Jesus Christ's pre-eminence

- ◆ Over all things

- ◆ **1 Corinthians 15:28 (NIV) — 28** When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

# The pre-eminence of Jesus Christ in relation to others

- ◆ To other prophets
- ◆ To the patriarchs
- ◆ To Aaron and other high priests
- ◆ To angels
- ◆ To other lords and kings

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- ◆ To other prophets

- ◆ **Hebrews 1:1–2 (NIV)** — 1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

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- ◆ To the patriarchs

- ◆ **John 8:54, 58 (NIV)** — 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?" 58 "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"

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- ◆ To Aaron and other high priests
- ◆ **Hebrews 8:6 (NIV)** — 6 But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

# The pre-eminence of Jesus Christ in relation to others

- ◆ To angels

- ◆ **1 Peter 3:22 (NIV)** — 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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- ◆ To other lords and kings
- ◆ **1 Timothy 6:15 (NIV)** — 15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

# The reasons for Jesus Christ's pre-eminence

- ◆ His divine origin
- ◆ His equality with the Father
- ◆ His authority derives from the Father
- ◆ He possesses the rights of the firstborn
- ◆ He has a superior name
- ◆ He is the First and the Last



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- ◆ **John 3:31 (NIV)** — 31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

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- ◆ His equality with the Father
- ◆ **John 10:30 (NIV)** — 30 I and the Father are one.”

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- ◆ His authority derives from the Father
- ◆ **John 5:26-27 (NIV)** — 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

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- ◆ He possesses the rights of the firstborn
- ◆ **Colossians 1:15–17 (NIV)** — 15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For 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. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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- ◆ He has a superior name
- ◆ **Philippians 2:9 (NIV)** — 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

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- ◆ He is the First and the Last
- ◆ **Revelation 1:17 (NIV)** — 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- HEAR
- Romans 10:14 (ESV)
  - 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
- Romans 10:17 (ESV)
  - 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- BELIEVE
- Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)
  - 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
- James 2:24 (ESV)
  - 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.





# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **REPENT**

- **Acts 17:30 (ESV)**

- 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

- **Acts 26:20 (ESV)**

- 20 but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.



# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **CONFESS**

- **Matthew 10:32–33 (ESV)**

- 32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

- **Romans 10:9–10 (ESV)**

- 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.



# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **BE BAPTIZED**

- **Romans 6:3–4 (ESV)**

- 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

- **1 Peter 3:21 (ESV)**

- 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,



# GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

- **REMAIN STEADFAST**
- **Galatians 5:4 (ESV)**
- 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.
- **1 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)**
- 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.





# Baptism

DEAD TO SIN **ALIVE IN CHRIST**