

Before the Beginning until After the End

Advent 2019

John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16-17; Revelation 1:8

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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Context:

The reality surrounding Jesus Christ of Nazareth is more than just a story. It's not a fable. It's not a parable, legend, or myth. The existence of Jesus shatters the physics of time while remaining amazingly personal and accessible to the human mind.

The story of Jesus is timeless. It has no story arc because it has no beginning, middle, or end. It is an eternal story. It is a perfect story. It is a story that must be told. It is a story that changes lives and saves the human soul from total destruction.

These three passages all deal with the pre-existent and creative reign of an eternal king! They highlight a story that extends from "before the beginning until after the end."

Key Scriptures -

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Colossians 1:16-17

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Additional Scripture –

Romans 1:20: For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:25: because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

- 1. Can you describe how Jesus was presented to you when you were a child? How does that effect how you see him today? How do you think most people view him, as a mild-mannered teacher, or an eternal king? Why?**



2. Jesus is the Creator and Eternal God. How does this truth affect how you feel about him and how you interact with him? Does it change your perception of him?

3. Do you think the truth about who Jesus really is would be more compelling for a non-believer to embrace? Why or why not? Who have you told about him?

4. Have you completely submitted your life to this amazing and eternal king?

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC

Advent: The Sinless Nature of Jesus -Hebrews 4:15

