

Savior Supreme  
All the Fullness Dwells  
Colossians 1:15-19

As we get closer to Easter we are going to see all kinds of shows and documentaries about Jesus. What we need to understand is that these shows will take broad sweeps at the historical Jesus, try to tie Him to the culture in a way that the Bible never intended, and ignore most, if not all, of what makes Jesus, Jesus. The popular position in our culture is that Jesus was a good teacher, a smart man, and that he had good moral things to say. But is that really all Jesus was and is?

1. In Jesus dwelt the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Jesus displayed authority over the \_\_\_\_\_ world
  - B. Jesus displayed authority over the \_\_\_\_\_ world
2. In Jesus dwelt the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_
3. In Jesus dwelt the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Jesus imposes Himself on our \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Jesus imposes Himself on our \_\_\_\_\_
4. In Jesus dwelt the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_
5. In Jesus dwelt the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_

Ultimately, a correct understanding of the nature and character of Christ will require faith. Only by faith will we be able to say that Jesus was fully God and fully man. Only by faith will we be able to live in the tension between the sovereign election of God in salvation and the human responsibility to embrace it by faith. Only by faith will we be able to declare Jesus as Savior and submit to Jesus as Lord.

Reflection

How do we live in the tension of being citizens of a kingdom that is not of this world and living in bodies that reside here? How do we resolve the tension between Jesus being fully God and fully man? How do we resolve the tension between the sovereignty of God in salvation and the free will of man? The tensions exist because in a fallen world that is the best we can do. Fortunately God does not require us to resolve the tensions before we enter His kingdom. He only requires that we have faith.