**‘HE is the Creator’**

**1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made….14And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.** John 1:1-3, 14

There are many ‘opinions’ given by people today as to who Jesus is. It was the same in Jesus’ day. When Jesus asked His disciples who **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”** they answered Him, “Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/" \l "_ftn1)

None of those answers were correct. Let’s be fair to the people who were the first to encounter Jesus. They didn’t have the advantage we have. We live long after Jesus ministered on earth **AND** we have the Gospels.

This leads me to wonder why there are so many opinions of Him in the world. All anyone has to do is read John 1:1-3 and verse 14 and Jesus’ identity becomes clear: The Word is God. The Word is the Creator of all things. The Word became flesh in the person of Jesus. So, Jesus is God, the Creator of all things. If these four verses aren’t enough, then we turn to Paul’s letter to the Colossians, chapter 1. There we read,

***15He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*** Colossians 1:15-17.

The Amplified Bible, in my opinion, best captures the meaning of the Greek word ‘prototokos’ (πρωτοτοκος), because English speaking/reading people living in the twenty-first century can easily stumble over the word when it is translated ‘firstborn.’ Yes, the simplest translation of ‘prototokos’ is ‘firstborn.’ However being the simplest choice doesn’t make it the best word choice for us. And the word “firstborn,” in the English language, doesn’t take into account ALL John would have us understand regarding who Jesus is as he has stated in his Gospel. Here is what we find in the Amplified Bible **and it is good!**

***He is the exact living image [the essential manifestation] of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible], the firstborn [the preeminent one, the sovereign, and the originator] of all creation.*** Colossians 1:15

Jesus is “the firstborn ***[preeminent one, sovereign one, and the originator]*** over all creation.” No one in all of creation can be described in this way. Jesus is no ordinary man. He is God in the flesh!

Whenever we have the opportunity to share this truth with others, they may find it hard to grasp. The things of God can only be understood by the Spirit of God. ‘No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit’ (1 Corinthians 12:3). Pray for these people to receive a revelation of this profound truth and receive it by faith. Jesus IS God. He is the Word that became flesh. He is the Creator of all things.

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[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2021/08/" \l "_ftnref1) Matthew 16:13-14 NKJV