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Do you find that you need to create small reminders in your life so that you don't forget things? Post-it notes stuck around your desk. Notifications on your phone. A note card taped to your mirror. We're all guilty of forgetting things and sometimes need gentle reminders. The same is true in our life as disciples. Author C.S. Lewis once noted that as Christians, we need reminding more than we need instruction. How true is that?!

In the first century, the church at Colossae was under attack from false teachers seeking to persuade them that the person and work of Jesus Christ was neither supreme nor sufficient for not only salvation but their lives. They began to share a gospel of Jesus, plus. Jesus, plus knowledge. Jesus, plus rituals. Being concerned for a flock he had never visited, the Apostle Paul writes a letter to remind the church about who Jesus Christ is and to stand in the truth and power of the gospel that has saved them. Our King and His Kingdom are here. Embrace it and live in it with confidence. Jesus is greater than.

As we navigate our modern times, we face a similar dilemma...is Jesus enough? Or do we need Jesus, plus something else to ensure not only our salvation but the life we want to live. There are so many philosophies and choices in our busy information heavy culture to order our lives around. We may need a simple reminder that Jesus is still and will always be greater than.

The letter of Colossians is the reminder we need that Jesus is our all in all and nothing should be greater than Him. He is the deep desire of our soul and longing of our heart. Our lives are transformed, and we transform those around us when He is greater than everything else in our life. Nothing compares to Jesus.

Hopeful,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason", with a large, stylized flourish that loops around the name.

Pastor Jason

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

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The workbook may be used during weekly teaching lessons, personal study time and group discussion.

*“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*

James 1:22 (NIV)

### 3-THIRDS STUDY METHOD

Scripture is the expert. The Holy Spirit is the ultimate teacher (John 14:26). Our goal is to encourage our church to read the Bible and discover what God has to say to them. God’s Word is full of revelations just waiting to be discovered. Simple, memorable questions allow a disciple to: 1) discover and understand the character of God, 2) encourage them to obediently apply Scripture to their life and 3) share it with others.

This Bible study method promotes the authority of God’s Holy Word, practical daily discipleship and evangelism. It removes the need for an “expert” to lead them and trusts the Holy Spirit to reveal truth to each group member. This method of looking at Scripture gives each person a simple, memorable way to daily dig into God’s Word on their own and learn from the Holy Spirit.

Bottom line: Our mission is to make disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples and thus to see God raise up a DISCIPLE MAKING MOVEMENT that will bless the people of this city, this state, this nation and the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:18-20).

You will see a similar structure each week that divides your Bible study into 3-Thirds: **Look Back, Look Up and Look Forward**. Each section explores how God’s Word is transforming our lives as we live it out in our daily routines. Prayer is necessary for this type of Bible study because we need the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth and reveal to us the thoughts of God (John 16:13-15; 1 Cor. 2:10-16). We must invite the Holy Spirit into our study as we seek to discover truths about God and His Gospel. Commit to obey, not just hearers of His Word but doers of His Word, and pledge to share what we know with others.



## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

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### 3-THIRDS QUESTION STRUCTURE

#### LOOK BACK

1. How has your relationship with Jesus been the past week?
  - How have you obeyed what you have learned?
  - What are you grateful for?
2. Who did you share last week's lesson with?

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to teach us as we study God's Word.

#### LOOK UP: READ THE TEXT

Repeat the text in your own words.

3. What does this text teach us about God?
  - What does it say about His character?
  - What does it say about His plans?
  - What does it say about how He relates to us?
4. What does this text say to me?
  - Is there a sin I need to address?
  - Is there a promise I need to hold on to?
  - Is there an example I should follow?
  - Is there a command I need to obey?
  - Is there a Gospel truth?

#### LOOK FORWARD

5. What am I going to do this week because of this text?
6. Who do I think needs to know this?

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to help us do what the Bible says and share what we learned with one person.

## HOW TO P.R.A.Y

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There is no special formula for prayer. There are no “buzz words” or phrases that capture God’s attention more than any other. Prayer is pouring your honest, surrendered heart out to God and seeking His answers to your struggles. When asked by His disciples about prayer, Jesus responded with the Lord’s Prayer.

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’” Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

Jesus’ response points out four key attributes of prayer. We’ve made an acrostic to make it easy to remember every time you pray. This isn’t a formula, but if you need a little direction in your prayers, this serves as a great guide.

**PRAISE:** Praise God for who He is and His attributes. Begin by giving Him your worship and adoration.

**REPENT:** Confess to God the things you have done in word, thought or deed which led you into sin. Confess and repent.

**ASK:** After you have spent time in praise and repentance, make your requests known to God by asking Him to provide your needs.

**YIELD:** God is always at work around you. Take time to notice when He invites you to join Him to become part of His mission.



## HOW TO USE S.O.A.P.S.

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Open your Bible and ask God to illuminate what He wants you to learn and apply today. God's Word says that the Holy Spirit "will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13) and will help you understand what you read from the scriptures. Read the passage slowly and look for that specific "gem" of truth that jumps off the page and grabs your attention.

### SCRIPTURE

Choose one Bible verse that stands out to me and copy it word for word.

### OBSERVATION

What does this verse teach me about my relationship with God?

### APPLICATION

How will I be different because of what I've read today?

### PRAYER

Write out a prayer asking God to help me live out what I've just learned.

### SHARE

Share what you learned with one person.







## AN INTRODUCTION TO FIRST CENTURY COLOSSAE

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Colossae was in the region of Phrygia, in the Lycus River valley of west-central Asia Minor. Due to its location, it was at one time known for being the center of a thriving textile industry. However, because of a change in the roadway system, it began to decline as trade shifted toward Laodicea. In the time the Apostle Paul wrote this letter (Colossians 4:18), Colossae was no longer considered large or important. But because of the growing Christian community there, we are still talking about Colossae today.

As far as we know, the Apostle Paul had never visited Colossae (Colossians 2:1), therefore, he was not the founder of the church there. So, who was the founder? As we study this letter, we will see that it was the faithful Epaphras who initially brought the message of salvation, the gospel, to the people of this city (Colossians 1:7-8). We also observe that this Christian community was predominantly, though not exclusively, made of Gentile believers. It seems that, while he was in prison (Colossians 4:3, 18), the Apostle Paul wanted nothing more than to encourage his brothers and sisters in Christ (Colossians 1:3-6), call them to continue to turn from the sins of their culture (Colossians 1:9-12) and reject false spiritual teachings (Colossians 2:4-8), holding fast to Jesus Christ, in whom the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form (Colossians 2:9).

# Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
the holy and faithful brothers in Christ

from among the dead, so that you might have the supremacy of Christ and through him to reach all things, whether things on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the cross.

Because you were alienated from God through your minds, you were living in your sins, but now through the blood of Christ's physical death you have been redeemed from all iniquity and purified to yourselves as a people who are zealous of good deeds.

WEEK 1

# COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

## THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

1 This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy.

2 We are writing to God's holy people in the city of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace.

3 We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, 5 which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

6 This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

7 You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. 8 He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

9 So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 - THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, 12 always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. 13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, 14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

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SERMON TAKEAWAY FOR THE WEEK:

Horizontal lines for writing the sermon takeaway.

WEEK 1

# COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

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PRAY for the Holy Spirit to teach us as we study God's Word.

### LOOK UP

Read Genesis 37. Repeat the text in your own words (for Group study, have one member do this aloud).

3. What does this text teach us about God?

- What does this say about His character?
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- What does it say about how He relates to us?

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### S.O.A.P.S.

**Sunday – Colossians 1:1-14**

**Thursday – Romans 8:1-17**

**Monday – Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Friday – Psalm 2**

**Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

**Saturday – Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 15:1-34**

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### NOTES

WEEK 2  
COLOSSIANS 1:15-23  
THE UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST

15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.  
He existed before anything was created and is supreme  
over all creation,

16 for through him God created everything  
in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see  
and the things we can't see—  
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in  
the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him.

17 He existed before anything else,  
and he holds all creation together.

18 Christ is also the head of the church,  
which is his body.

He is the beginning,  
supreme over all who rise from the dead.  
So he is first in everything.

19 For God in all his fullness  
was pleased to live in Christ,

20 and through him God reconciled  
everything to himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth  
by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

21 This includes you who were once far away from God.  
You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil  
thoughts and actions. 22 Yet now he has reconciled you  
to himself through the death of Christ in his physical  
body. As a result, he has brought you into his own

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COLOSSIANS 1:15-23  
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### S.O.A.P.S.

**Sunday – Colossians 1:15-23**

**Monday – John 1:1-18**

**Tuesday – Hebrews 1:1-14**

**Wednesday – Matthew 25:31-46**

**Thursday – Hebrews 12:1-29**

**Friday – Psalm 110**

**Saturday – Acts 26:12-23**

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### NOTES

# WEEK 3

## COLOSSIANS 1:24-29 & 2:1-5

### SUFFER FOR CHRIST

Colossians 1:24-29

24 I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church. 25 God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. 26 This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. 27 For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

28 So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. 29 That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

Colossians 2:1-5

1 I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally. 2 I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. 3 In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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COLOSSIANS 1:24-29 & 2:1-5 – SUFFER FOR CHRIST

4 I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments. 5 For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong.

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SERMON TAKEAWAY FOR THE WEEK:

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S.O.A.P.S.

**Sunday – Colossians 1:24-29**

**Thursday – Ephesians 1:1-14**

**Monday – Colossians 2:1-5**

**Friday – Psalm 8**

**Tuesday – 1 Timothy 3:14-16**

**Saturday – Hebrews 5:11-6:12**

**Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 3:1-23**

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Lamb of God

Jesus Christ

King of Israel

Everlasting Father

Lord of

Creator

Fountain of Living Water

Jehovah Shammah

The Almighty

Lion of Judah

Adonai

Deliverer

Elohim

God with us

Jehovah

Cornerstone

Bread of Life

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Lord of

The Messiah

Lamb of God

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WEEK 4  
COLOSSIANS 2:6-15  
FREEDOM IN CHRIST

6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. 7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

8 Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. 9 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. 10 So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

11 When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. 12 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

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SERMON TAKEAWAY FOR THE WEEK:

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WEEK 4  
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## COLOSSIANS 2:6-15 – FREEDOM IN CHRIST

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## COLOSSIANS 2:6-15 – FREEDOM IN CHRIST

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PRAY for the Holy Spirit to help us do what the Bible says and share what we learned with one person.

### S.O.A.P.S.

**Sunday – Colossians 2:6-15**

**Monday – Ephesians 2:11-22**

**Tuesday – Isaiah 52:13-15 & 53:1-12**

**Wednesday – Jeremiah 31:27-40**

**Thursday – Ezekiel 36:22-38**

**Friday – Psalm 22**

**Saturday – Ephesians 6:10-18**

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### NOTES



WEEK 5  
COLOSSIANS 2:16-23  
CONNECTED TO CHRIST

16 So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. 17 For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. 18 Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, 19 and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it.

20 You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, 21 "Don't handle! Don't taste! Don't touch!?" 22 Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. 23 These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires.

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SERMON TAKEAWAY FOR THE WEEK:

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WEEK 5  
COLOSSIANS 2:16-23  
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S.O.A.P.S.

**Sunday – Colossians 2:16-23**

**Thursday – Philippians 2:1-18**

**Monday – Romans 14:1-23**

**Friday – Psalm 16**

**Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 10:1-33 & 11:1**

**Saturday – Romans 6:1-23**

**Wednesday – Galatians 2:11-21**

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WEEK 6  
COLOSSIANS 3:1-14  
NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST

1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

5 So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. 7 You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. 8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. 9 Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. 10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

11 In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

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**Thursday – Matthew 7:1-29**

**Friday – Psalm 118**

**Saturday – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

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WEEK 7  
COLOSSIANS 3:15-25 & 4:1  
PEACE FROM CHRIST

Colossians 3:15–25

15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. 17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

20 Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. 23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. 25 But if you

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COLOSSIANS 3:15-25 & 4:1 – PEACE FROM CHRIST

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do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.

Colossians 4:1  
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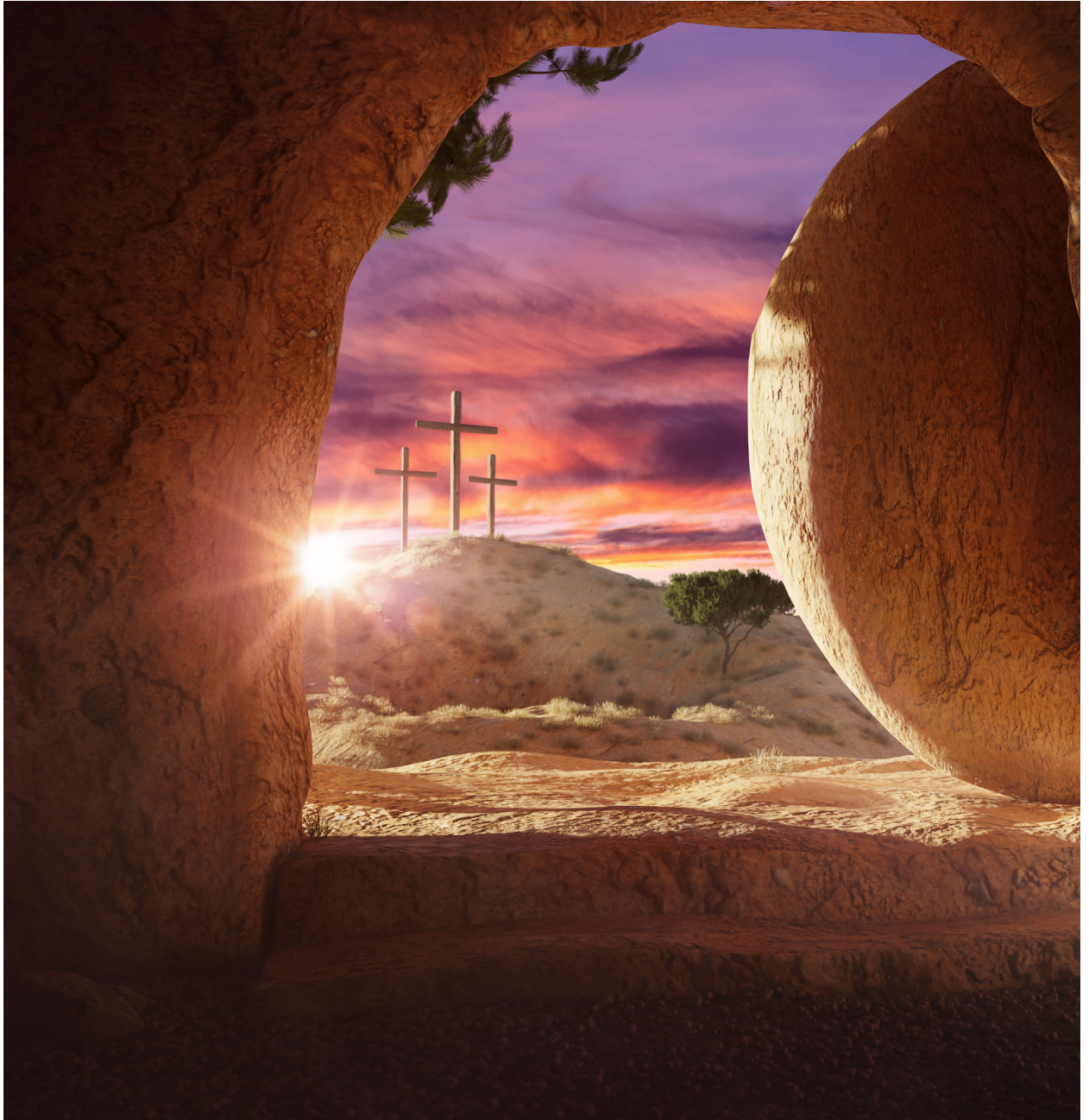
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**Monday – Ephesians 5:15-33 & 6:1-9**

**Friday – Psalm 68**

**Tuesday – 1 Peter 3:1-12**

**Saturday – Isaiah 61:1-11**

**Wednesday – Matthew 22:1-14**

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WEEK 8  
COLOSSIANS 4:2-18  
PLANS AND PURPOSES OF CHRIST

2 Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. 3 Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. 4 Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

5 Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

7 Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord's work. 8 I have sent him to you for this very purpose—to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you. 9 I am also sending Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, one of your own people. He and Tychicus will tell you everything that's happening here.

10 Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. 11 Jesus (the one we call Justus) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been!

12 Epaphras, a member of your own fellowship and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He

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always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God. 13 I can assure you that he prays hard for you and also for the believers in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

14 Luke, the beloved doctor, sends his greetings, and so does Demas. 15 Please give my greetings to our brothers and sisters at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church that meets in her house.

16 After you have read this letter, pass it on to the church at Laodicea so they can read it, too. And you should read the letter I wrote to them.

17 And say to Archippus, “Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you.”

18 HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING—PAUL.

Remember my chains.

May God’s grace be with you.

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**Wednesday – Philippians 1:1-11**

**Thursday – Philippians 4:1-14**

**Friday – Psalm 141**

**Saturday – 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

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## NEXT STEPS

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### DECISION FOR JESUS



### STARTING POINT



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