



**This Stinks...  
Praise God!**

**1 Peter 4:12-19**



Don't Be  
Surprised at  
Painful Trials



*“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”*  
John 3:19



*Count it all joy, my brothers,  
when you meet trials of  
various kinds, for you know  
that the testing of your faith  
produces steadfastness. And  
let steadfastness have its  
full effect, that you may be  
perfect and complete,  
lacking in nothing.  
James 1:2-4*



*"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

**John 16:33**



*Indeed, all who desire to  
live a godly life in Christ  
Jesus will be persecuted,  
2 Timothy 3:12*



*Many are the afflictions  
of the righteous, but the  
Lord delivers him out of  
them all.*

Psalm 34:19



*For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, Philippians 1:29*



*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.*

Isaiah 43:2



*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. CONTINUED*



*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*  
Matthew 5:10-12

ALL IN to  
Participate  
in His  
Sufferings





Rejoice in Your  
Participation of  
His Sufferings



*“Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also.”*  
John 15:20



*“So that you may be  
overjoyed when His  
glory is revealed.”*  
1 Peter 4:13b

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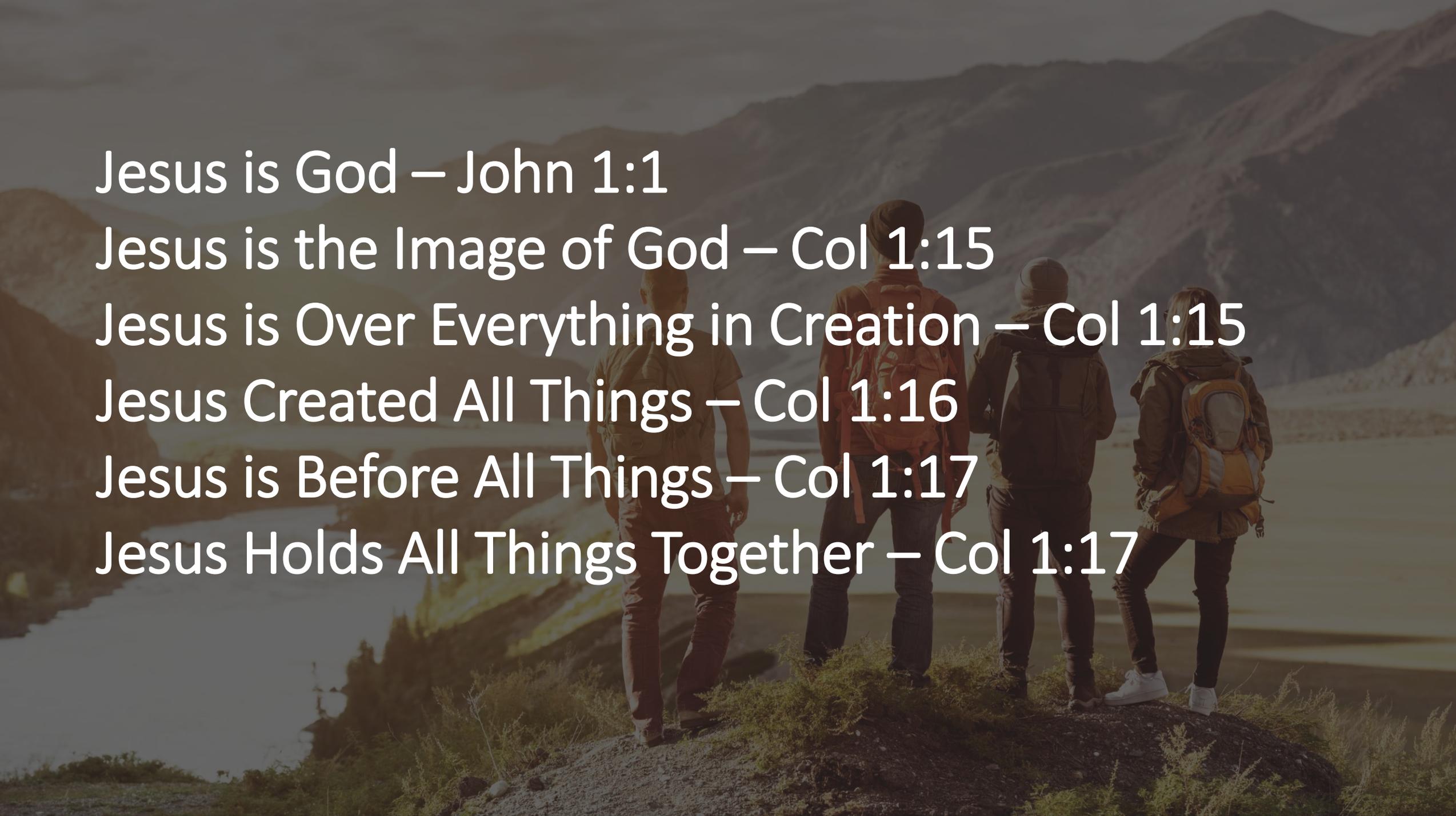


A photograph of four hikers with backpacks standing on a rocky outcrop, looking out over a river valley and mountains. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent brown filter. The text "Commit Yourself to Jesus and Do Good" is centered in white, with "Jesus" and "Good" underlined. A vertical white line is on the left side of the text.

Commit Yourself  
to Jesus and Do  
Good



John 1:1-3  
Colossians 1:15-17



Jesus is God – John 1:1

Jesus is the Image of God – Col 1:15

Jesus is Over Everything in Creation – Col 1:15

Jesus Created All Things – Col 1:16

Jesus is Before All Things – Col 1:17

Jesus Holds All Things Together – Col 1:17

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