

Refuel 1

Questions:

1. There are many opinions about who Jesus is. What are some common statements you have heard about the identity of Christ?
2. Who do you believe Jesus is? Why?

Read Chapter 1:1-3

1. What were some of the various ways God spoke to His people? What images did He use? What are some of the ways God speaks to us today? Share a personal time when God spoke plainly to you.
2. Define the word “heir” used in verse 2. If Christ is heir of all things, and we are God’s children, how does that affect us?

Romans 8:17

“Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

John 1:3

“Through him all things were made; without him **nothing was made** that has been made.”

Daniel 7:13-14

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ **He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him.** His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

Matthew 28:18

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

1 Peter 1:18-21

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

3. What does the phrase “sustaining all things” involve? How does Christ sustain all things? (John 1:1-5) How does this text relate to Hebrews 1:3? Does this verse imply that Jesus is done or that He is constantly involved? How does that encourage you?

John 1:1-5

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”

Colossians 1:17

“He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

4. The second part of the verse talks about the “purification of our sins.” What does this mean? Why is this statement connected with the next part of the verse “He sat down...”?