

THE BEGINNING

FIRST STEPS FOR NEW DISCIPLES

MAKE IT ALL ABOUT JESUS

Introduction:

- Up until the 15th century, people believed that the earth was the center of the universe. But one man, Nicolaus Copernicus, not only argued but also proved that the sun – not the earth – was the center of our solar system.
- What Copernicus did for the earth, God does for the human heart at salvation. You and I are no longer the center of our own lives. Jesus is. Becoming a Christian is having a Copernicus Revolution. What your life revolves around changes from self to Jesus.

God does not exist to make a big deal out of us.

We exist to make a big deal out of _____!

Jesus is the _____ of the Universe.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth...all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together (Colossians 1:16-17).

One of the purposes of creation is to reflect the glory of God and point us to the One by whom all things were created – the Creator, Jesus Christ.

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Jesus is the _____ of Humanity.

And he is the head of the body, the church...For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things... making peace by the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:18-20).

From beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation, Jesus is seen as:

the _____ of the universe,

the _____ of the world,

and the _____ of history.

Conclusion:

So where do we fit into all of this? If it's not about you (and it isn't) and if it's not about me (and it's not) and if it IS all about Jesus (and it is), why are we here? Why do we exist?

We are _____ in the hands of God.

- As God's **creation**, our life must proclaim God's _____.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

- As God's **redeemed**, our lips must proclaim God's _____.

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).