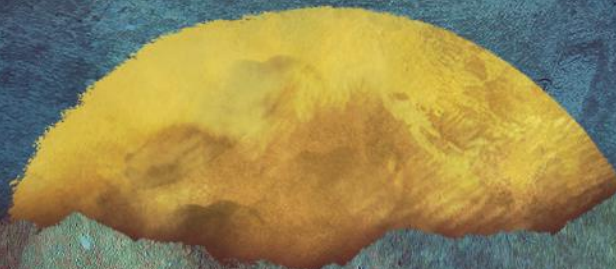




# From Heaven's Glory to Calvary's Cross!

John 1:1-3, 14, 18



*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" – John 1:14*



# INTRODUCTION:

## 1. Matthew: “Behold, your KING”

*Matthew traces Jesus’ genealogy back to David (and the Davidic Covenant) and to Abraham (and the Abrahamic Covenant).*

## 2. Mark: “Behold, My SERVANT”

*There’s no genealogy. Who is interested in the lineage of a lowly servant? What Mark presents is the activity of Jesus.*

## 3. Luke: “Behold, the MAN”

*Luke’s focus is on Jesus’ humanity. Luke traced the genealogy of Christ all the way back to Adam.*

## 4. John: “Behold, your GOD”

*Unique in the way John’s gospel opens. John stresses the deity of Christ and His unique relationship to the Father and the Universe.*



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# IN RELATION TO THE FATHER (vv. 1, 2)

The Word is . . .

## 1. eternal with the Father (1a)

John asserts the eternal pre-existence of the Word

## 2. personally distinct from the Father (1b)

John asserts the distinct personality of the Word

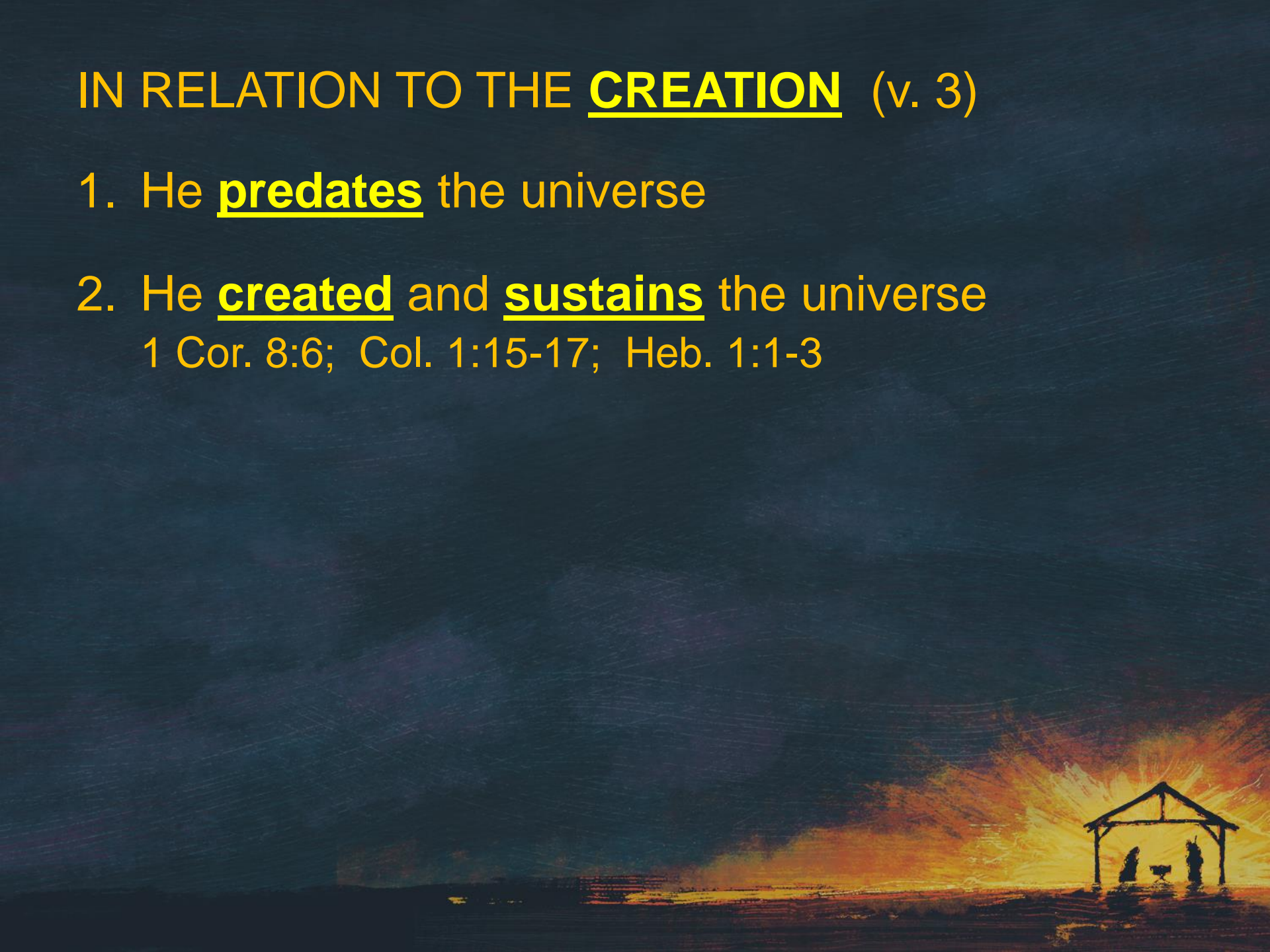
## 3. identical in essence (co-equal) with the Father

John asserts the absolute deity of the Word



# IN RELATION TO THE CREATION (v. 3)

1. He predates the universe
2. He created and sustains the universe  
1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:1-3





## 1 CORINTHIANS 8:6

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"There is but one God, the Father,  
from whom all things came and  
for whom we live; and there is  
but one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
through whom all things came  
and through whom we live."



## COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

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"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For **by him** all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and **for him**. He is **before** all things, and **in him** all things hold together."



## HEBREWS 1:2-3

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"In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."



# THE WORD **BECAME** FLESH (1:14, 18)

1. There was a change in His dwelling place:  
*From heaven to earth (John 1:14)*
2. There was a change in His **possessions**:  
*From riches to poverty (2 Cor. 8:9)*
3. There was a change in His glory:  
*From glory to obscurity (John 1:10-11)*
4. There was a change in His **position**:  
*From acknowledged equality with God to a position of servanthood (Phil. 2:6-7)*
5. There was a change in His form:  
*From the form of God to the **likeness** of men (Phil. 2:6-7)*





# MAKING IT PERSONAL

## 1. The purpose of the incarnation

*"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15)*

## 2. The guarantee of the incarnation

See Romans 8:31-39 ... God is for us!

A. He will freely give us all things.

B. He will let nothing separate us from His love.

## 3. Our response to the incarnation





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## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:15

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"And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."