

An aerial night photograph of a complex highway interchange. The image is heavily processed with light trails, creating a dense network of colorful streaks in shades of yellow, green, and red. The trails represent the movement of vehicles over time, creating a sense of motion and complexity. The background shows the physical structure of the roads and some surrounding greenery.

On the Road with Jesus

Colossians 1:15-23

Series:
The Road Less Traveled



Colossians 1:15-23 NASB

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

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17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

19 For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

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20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds,

22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death,

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in order to present you before Him
holy and blameless and beyond
reproach—

23 if indeed you continue in the faith
firmly established and steadfast, and
not moved away from the hope of the
gospel that you have heard, which was
proclaimed in all creation under
heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made
a minister.

1. Jesus is our source of strength.

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- ✓ **The firstborn of all creation**
 - ✓ **All things created by Him**
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- ✓ **All things created through Him**
- ✓ **All things created for Him**

**2. Jesus holds our life together
when it seems to be falling apart.**

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2. Jesus holds our life together when it seems to be falling apart.

"[Jesus Christ] is the principle of cohesion in the universe. He impresses upon creation that unity and solidarity which makes it a cosmos (an ordered system) instead of a chaos (an unformed mass). Thus (to take one instance) the action of gravitation, which keeps in their places things fixed and regulates the motions of things moving, is an expression of His mind" (Wuest, Ephesians and Colossians, Vol.1, p.185).

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- ✓ **Estranged** → **Reconciled**
- ✓ **Enemies** → **Friends**
- ✓ **Lost** → **Found**
- ✓ **Imperiled** → **Saved**



What we are to do – traveling with Jesus

- ✓ Be holy**
- ✓ Continue in the faith**
- ✓ Have hope**
- ✓ Know we may suffer**
- ✓ Serve**
- ✓ Proclaim the word**