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Matthew 24:30-31

³⁰ "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn **when they see** the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

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Looking Up – Colossians 1:15-23

Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

¹⁵ "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

¹⁸ "And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

²¹ "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

²³ If you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Jesus is the King of
all creation, and the
Head of the church.

He is our creator,
and our redeemer.

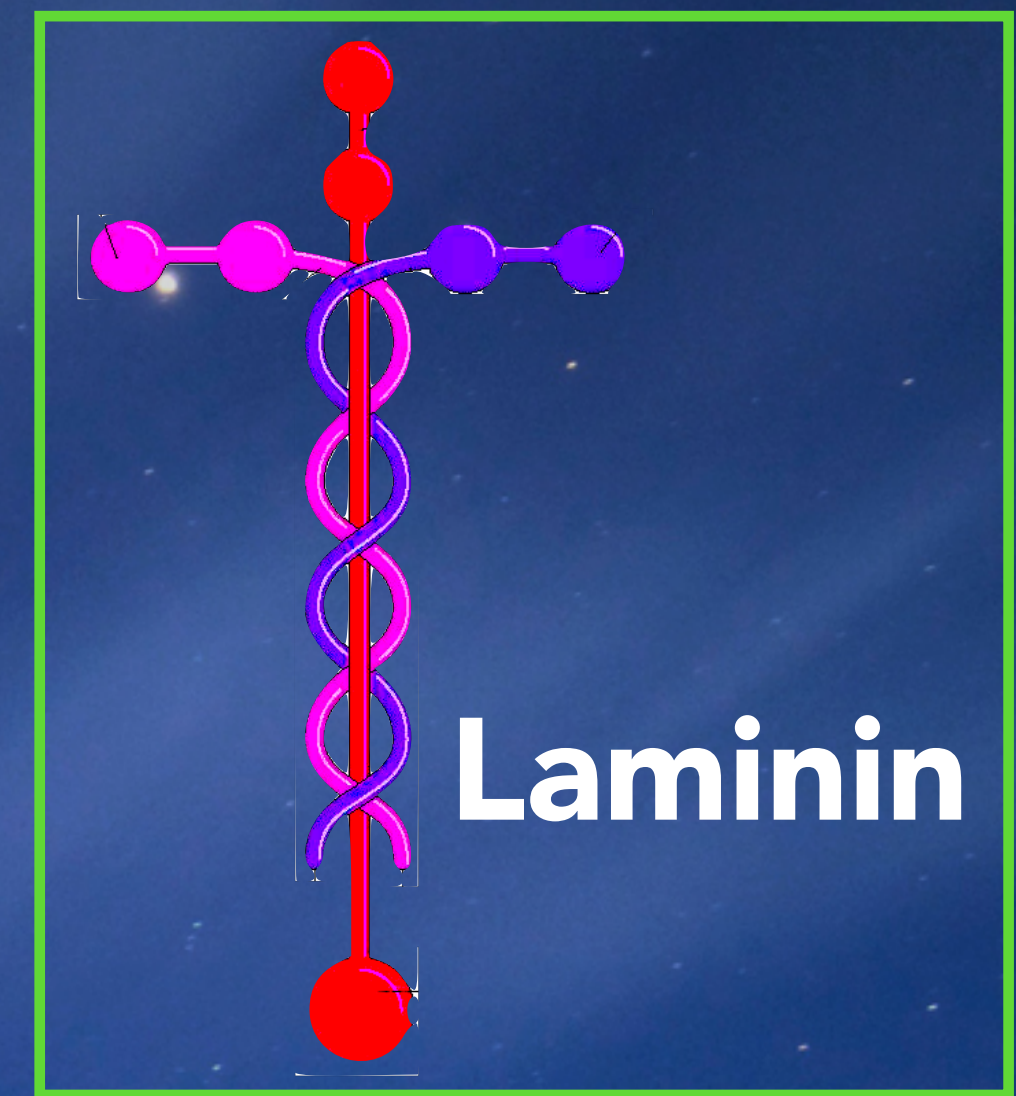
1. Jesus is the Image of the Invisible God.

- John 1:18

2. Jesus is before all things.

- First in status, not first created

3. In Jesus all things
are held together.



- He keeps the cosmos from chaos

4. Jesus is the head of the
body, the church.

- Lord of the "New Creation"

5. Jesus is the beginning.

- New life! We live b/c He lives!

6. Jesus has reconciled you in His body of flesh.

- We have peace with God

The Gospel.

Who is God the Father?

Who am I?

Who is Jesus?

How am I to respond?

Continue in your Faith,
established and firm,
unmoved from the Hope
held out in the Gospel.

Jesus is God-sized.
God is Jesus-shaped.

Colossians 1:28

Jesus is the one we proclaim,
admonishing and teaching
everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present
everyone fully mature in **Christ**.