

# **Core Value: Jesus is Lord**

## **Core Value 1: Engaging with God**

### **Christ's Headship**

**'Jesus is Lord'. Individually and collectively we acknowledge Christ as the Head of our church and submit ourselves and all our activities to His will and good pleasure.**

**Matthew 16.16, Ephesians 1.20-22, Colossians 1.15-20**

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Jesus answered, **‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’**

John 14.6

**Way – Truth – Life:** Jesus is all three, with emphasis on **Life**

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10.10

In him was life, and that life was the light of all.

John 1.4

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son does not have life.

1John 5.12

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## **Our faith in a multi-faith world**

### **WAY religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, 'New Age'**

don't need to find a solution, the search is everything;  
individual

### **TRUTH religions: Judaism, Islam**

tend to politics and legalism;  
communal

### **LIFE religion: our faith - Jesus is Lord**

needs to be shown in action;  
individual and communal: we believe and we belong

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**Islam:** through a Book, the Q'uran / Koran

**Our faith: through a Person - Jesus is Lord**

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**Jesus will come again as Judge and Ruler**

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**John 1** (John) Jesus is the true and accurate **Communication** from God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1.1

**Colossians 1** (Paul) Jesus is the **Creator** of the universe

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible;

Col. 1.15-16

**Hebrews 1** (?Apollon) Jesus is the exact **Representation** of the Father God

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Hebrews 1.3

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Hebrews 1.1-4

*Hebrews – a sermon to Messianic Jews who were in danger of falling back into the old religion. Author unknown – very knowledgeable about Jewish life and practice.*

A Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. ... he spoke with great fervour and taught about Jesus ...

Acts 18.24-25

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**Hebrews – ‘superior’ is the key word to describe Jesus**

Heb 1: superior to angels – *‘they are only ministering spirits’*

Heb 2: superior to every human being: *‘crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death’, ‘the pioneer of our salvation’*

Heb 3: superior to Moses – the Son, not the servant

Heb 4: superior to Joshua – provides the real sabbath-rest

Heb 5: superior to Aaron – the real High Priest

Heb 6: superior promises – an eternal Priest

Heb 7: superior covenant – eternal, not earthly

Heb 8: superior mediator – eternal, not human

Heb 9: superior sacrifice – once for all, never repeated

Heb 10: superior position - *But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.*

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