

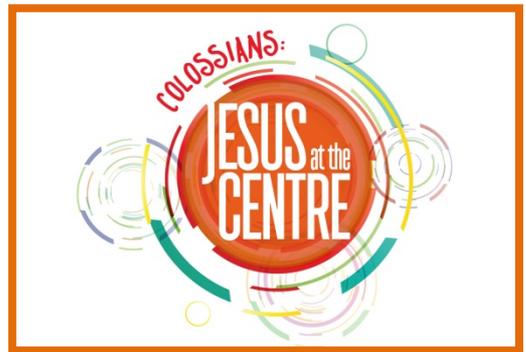
# Message Outline

## Introduction: Colossians

### Jesus at the Centre

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*Colossians was written by the apostle Paul to the church in Colossae and deals with the issue of the importance of making Jesus the centre of your life.*

*The church was established by Epaphras. There was an initial enthusiasm for Jesus which had now waned so Paul, from his prison cell, writes this letter to encourage them to put Jesus at the centre of their lives, their church, their families, their desires.*

**“It’s easy to make Jesus the centre -  
it’s harder to keep Jesus  
the very centre of our lives all the time”**

1. The **Meander** River: this river wove its way around and through Colossae. There’s a correlation between this geographical feature and the spiritual condition of the church.

Meander means:

- to follow a winding and **turning course**
- to move **aimlessly** and **idly** without fixed direction
- to travel in various directions and be drawn to **multiple** objects



We too can wander through life without a fixed direction.

2. Colossians is a letter meant to be read – it would be a shame if it became lost.

- It is applicable to the time then and to us today.
- It is Paul's letter to us at Whitehill:-
  - ❖ to read,
  - ❖ to hear its truth,
  - ❖ to obey its message and
  - ❖ be challenged to keep Christ at the centre.

3. Paul was a vigorous defender of the Christian faith. He wrote this letter from jail- house arrest, where he was held for 2 years.

Paul used his time in prison, his situation, as an opportunity to share his faith and to write letters to encourage the churches.

*How do you see the situations in your life that don't go according to your plans? Do you see them as an opportunity for growth and for Gods Kingdom?*

- Look for ways that God can work through your situation to multiply His effectiveness in the world.

**Remember to keep Christ at the Centre.**

