

APPENDIX K

The Meaning of *en* and *eis* in Colossians 1:16

Data for the meaning of *en* in Colossians 1:16 >
For by [*en*] Him all things were created (NASV)

ἐν followed by dative:

= *because of* some person (in dative)

- Matthew 26:31, 33 – “because of” [ἐν] Me
 - Galatians 1:24 –they were glorifying God “because of” [ἐν] me
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= *for the benefit of* some person (in dative)

-or-

to the advantage of some person (in dative)

-or-

for the sake of some person (in dative)

- Romans 8:4—so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled “for the benefit of” [ἐν] us
 - Mark 14:6 – She has done a good deed “to” [ἐν] me = in the sense of, she has done a good deed “for the benefit of” [ἐν] me
 - 1 Cor. 9:15 – so that it will be thus “for” [ἐν] me = in the sense of, it will become thus “to the benefit of” [ἐν] me; or = it will become thus “to the advantage of” [ἐν] me;
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= *with respect to* some person (in dative)

-or-

with regard to some person (in dative)

- Matt. 17:12—they did “to” [ἐν] him whatever they wished = in the sense of, they did “with regard to” [ἐν] him whatever they wanted to do [but see below]
 - 1 Cor. 11:13 — judge “for” yourselves = in the sense of, make judgment “with regard to” [ἐν] your own perspective; that is, “from” [ἐν] your own perspective
 - 1 Cor. 14:11—the one who speaks will be a Barbarian “to” [ἐν] me = in the sense of “with respect to” [ἐν] me
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= *for the disadvantage of* person in dative

-or-

to the harm of person in dative

-or-

against the person in dative

- Matt. 17:12—they did “to” [ἐν] him whatever they wished = in the sense of, they did “to the harm of” [ἐν] him whatever they wanted to do; that is, they did “against” [ἐν] him whatever they wanted to do
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**Data for the meaning of *eis* in Colossians 1:16 >
all things have been created through Him and for [*eis*] Him (NASV)**

εἰς followed by accusative:

**= *for the purpose of* some thing (in accusative)
[could it be some person (in accusative)?]**

- **Matt. 8:34**—the city went out “for the purpose of” [εἰς] meeting Jesus
 - **1 Cor. 11:24**—do this “for the purpose of” [εἰς] my remembrance
 - **Matt. 8:4**—present the offering that Moses commanded “for the purpose of” [εἰς] (giving) a testimony to them
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**= *for the sake of* some thing (in accusative), *in the sense of* “for the purpose of”
[could it be some person (in accusative)?]**

- **2 Cor. 2:12** —I came to Troas “for the sake of” [εἰς] the gospel of Christ
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= *with respect to* some person (in accusative)

-or-

= *with reference to* some person (in accusative)

- **Acts 2:25**—David says “with reference to” [εἰς] Him
 - **Matt. 18:6**—who believe “with respect to” [εἰς] me
 - **Romans 16:19**— I want you to be wise “with respect to” [εἰς] what is good and innocent “with respect to” [εἰς] what is evil
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