

April 12, 2020 – Resurrection Sunday
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Hebrews 1-2

“Jesus Christ: Son of God; Brother of Man; Sympathetic Savior”

I. Son of God (1:1-14)

II. Warning: Danger of Drifting from the Word (2:1-4) [Neglect]

III. Brother of Man (2:5-13)

A. Man’s Sin & Separation (2:5-8)

B. Jesus’ Sacrifice & Solidarity (2:9-18)

1. Sacrifice (2:9-10)

2. Solidarity (2:11-13)

IV. Sympathetic Savior (2:14-18)

A. The Freedom of Salvation (2:14-15)

B. The Significance of Salvation (2:16-18)

1. Jesus our Mediator (2:16-17)

2. Jesus our Propiator (2:17)

3. Jesus our Helper (2:18)

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. The song, “*Jesus Is Just Alright*,” was made famous by several bands (The Byrds, Doobie Brothers, etc.). What does Hebrews 1 say about Jesus? In what specific ways is He more than “just alright”? Why is it important to the author of Hebrews that the readers understand that Jesus is the **Son of God**?
2. Hebrews 1-2 tells us that Jesus is superior to the angels. In what ways is He superior?
3. What is the warning in Hebrews 2:1-4? What are some ways that people “drift” away from Jesus? What should we do if we realize we are drifting? How do we stay close to Jesus?
4. According to Hebrews 2:5-8 (see also Gen. 1-2; Psalm 8), mankind was created to rule over the earth for God. What happened? Why is it that we don’t currently see everything on earth subjected to man?
5. How did the Son of God become the **Brother of man**? What did He have to do in order to have solidarity with us? What do you think it was like leaving the glory of heaven & dying on a cross? Could He have died in our place if He wasn’t fully man? Why was He willing to pay such an unbelievable price?
6. As sinful as we are, why isn’t Jesus ashamed to call us brothers & sisters? What should our response be to Jesus’ radical public commitment to us? (See Mt. 10:32-33; Rom. 1:16)
7. Statistics show that people in every culture around the world fear death. Do you fear death? Why or why not? What aspect of death disturbs you the most? Why do people have good cause to fear after they die? (See Heb. 9:27 & Rev. 20)
8. Why does Heb. 2:14 say that the devil “had” the power of death? If the devil doesn’t have the power of death now, who does? In what sense(s) has the devil been rendered powerless in the life of a follower of Jesus? Are you experiencing that victory right now? How does the fear of death subject us to slavery? How is that fear showing up during this pandemic? How would your life be different if you had absolutely no fear of death?
9. Jesus is mediator, propiator, and helper of all who repent of their sins and trust in Him alone. How secure are we in Him? How confident can we be that we will live forever in His kingdom?
10. Jesus came to DIE as our substitute so He could DELIVER us from death. If people refuse to repent of their sins and put their trust in Jesus alone for deliverance what will happen to them when they die? (see Heb. 10:26-31) What would keep you from repenting and putting your trust in Jesus right now?
 - a. **Admit that you are a sinner and guilty before God.** “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). “For the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23).
 - b. **Turn from your sin in repentance.** “Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;” (Acts 3:19).
 - c. **Believe and Publicly Confess that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave victorious over sin.** “...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation” (Rom. 10:9-10).
 - d. **Receive God’s free gift of eternal life through Jesus.** “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...” (Jn. 1:12). Enter into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ that will give you forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and eternal life in His presence. He alone can give you victory over death, because He alone conquered the power of sin & death.