

Hebrews - Week III - Who Is This Jesus?

Jesus is the Captain of Our Salvation - Verse 2:10

Acts 3:15 and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

Acts 5:31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- *"Explorers explore for various reasons: fame, fortune, sheer curiosity. Jesus did it out of love. The jungle was the whole world of suffering, pain, sin and death. Nobody had ever gone through there before and come out the other side. When He did it, He opened the way into God's new world, like our explorer coming through the jungle and out onto the sunlit uplands of the beyond. And in leaving the jungle behind, and doing so on behalf of all those who will follow Him, He gets rid of the world of sin and pollution that otherwise clings to the fallen human race." Tom Wright Hebrews Commentary*

Jesus Was Made Perfect Through Suffering - Verse 2:10

Luke 13:32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.'

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

John 5:36 But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

John 17:4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Jesus is Not Ashamed To Call Us Brothers and Sisters - Verse 2:11

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Matthew 12:48-50 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

- *"It encourages us to see Jesus not as the kind of older brother whom we resent because He's always getting things right and being successful while we're always getting things wrong and failing, but as the kind of older brother who, without a trace of patronizing or looking down his nose at us, comes to find us where we are, out of sheer love and goodness of heart, and to help us out of the mess." Tom Wright Hebrews Commentary*

Jesus Takes Care of Fear - Verse 2:14-15

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:21 Because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

- *“It’s interesting that with all our modern thinking, technology and civilization, we are no nearer to getting rid of this fear than our ancestors were. The greatest philosophers of the last few hundred years have turned the question this way and that, but death remains the great mystery...And for many people, this fact enslaves them in fear, a fear that Hebrews says comes through the devil, the one who is always opposed to God’s purposes in creation, and always tries to destroy that good world and to prevent the birth of the even better world that is to come.”*
Tom Wright Hebrews Commentary

Jesus Takes Care of Sin - Verse 2:17-18

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

- *“God perfected Jesus by charting His path to glory through suffering, and He does the same for Jesus’ followers. We must go through suffering before we get to glory. By having experienced suffering, Jesus can more perfectly help us as we suffer.”* Thomas Constable Hebrews Commentary

Things we have in common with Jesus:

- He suffered (2:9, 10, 18) - We suffer (Romans 8:17)
- He is crowned with glory (2:9) - We are brought to glory (2:10)
- He sanctifies us - We are being sanctified (2:11)
- He tasted death (2:9, 14) - We all die (Hebrews 9:27)
- We live in flesh and blood (2:14) - He *likewise* (fully identified) shared the same thing
- He faced temptation - We face temptation (2:18)

Weekly Call To Action: Consider Jesus - Verse 3:1

Consider Jesus: The Apostle

- The One who went before us
- The One who went into uncharted territory
- The One who laid the groundwork

Consider Jesus: The High Priest

- The One who perfectly met all the requirements of God
- The One who finished the work and sat down
- The One constantly intercedes for us

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- *“There is nothing we face today, tomorrow, or the next day, in which Jesus cannot sympathize, help and rescue us, and through which He cannot forge a way to God’s new world.”* Tom Wright