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Hebrews #2 - Jesus is Better

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The book of Hebrews was written to weary Christians who were thinking about abandoning Jesus for their old life. The book was written to inspire perseverance.

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.

Hebrews 3:1

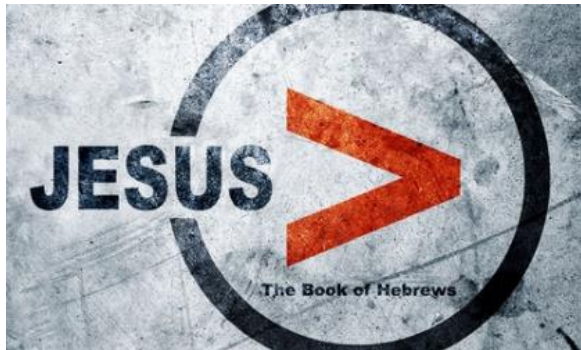
³ *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.* Hebrews 1:3

The main idea from Hebrews 1 is that Jesus is God's superior self-revelation. He is greater than the prophets and the angels, and he is big enough for us to trust in him. Jesus is sufficient.

Is your Jesus Big Enough?

Hebrews 1 emphasizes three things about Jesus.

- His superior **authority**
- His superior **identity**
- His superior **power**



This Big Jesus is also a Close Jesus!

This Jesus has come near. This Jesus is close to us, and can identify with us, and can help us.

1. A King who got involved (2:9)

Vs. 9 tells us *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."*

2. He is a Champion who saves (2:10, 14-15)

Vs. 10 says. ¹⁰ *In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.*

3. A Priest who can help (2:17-18)

¹⁷ *For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.* ¹⁸ *Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

4. A Brother who is not ashamed of us (2:11-14)

¹¹ *Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.* ¹² *He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises."*

Jesus identifies with us.

He is a close Jesus