



Risen! Now What?

Lesson Eleven • Hebrews 4:14-16

“Christ is RISEN!” “He is RISEN INDEED!” Now what?

Book of Hebrews Begins like a Sermon but Ends Like a Letter! Background to This “Sermon-Letter” Is Not Revealed!			Stay Fixated on Christ’s Greater Glory to Hold Fast & Move Forward Until We Enter God’s Rest!						
NO GREETING	STAY FIXATED on Our Calling in Christ!		HOLD FAST to Our Confession with Confidence!		MOVE FORWARD with Conviction in Community!				FAREWELL 13:20-25
	1:1 “You are My Son!” (1:5) 4:13	4:14 “You are a priest forever like Melchizedek!” (5:6) 10:18	10:19 “Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever!” (13:8) 13:19						
GREATER THAN	1:1 – 2:18 GREATER than Prophets & Angels Messengers of the Law	3:1 – 4:13 GREATER than Moses & Joshua Mediators of the Law	4:14 – 10:18 GREATER than Aaron & Levitical Priesthood Ministry of the Law	10:19-39 LET US DRAW NEAR	11:1-40 By FAITH that WORKS	12:1-29 In HOPE that ENDURES	13:1-19 With LOVE that LABORS	GROWING IN	

He Is Risen! Now Where Is He and What Is He Doing?

Where Is the Risen Lord?

*“Therefore, since we have a great high priest **who has passed through the heavens**, Jesus the Son of God,” (v. 14)*

Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of David! He is our Trailblazer (2:10) who came down in the incarnation to do for us what we could never do for ourselves! He lived a sinless life and died on the cross to atone for the sins of the world!

He was then resurrected and “*passed through*” the heavens to go where no human has ever gone before: *He trailblazed the way for humanity to enter the Holy of Holies and is now seated at the right hand of God’s holy presence as our Perfect Substitute and Sinless Sacrifice and Great High Priest!*

What Is the Risen Lord Doing?

Resurrection: Stands Up from the Dead and in the Ascension: Separated Up to God’s Throne for...								
GLORIFICATION <i>Shines in God’s Presence</i>	SESSION <i>Sits at God’s Right Hand</i>	PROCESSION <i>Sends the Holy Spirit</i>	INTERCESSION <i>Saves to the Uttermost</i>	DIRECTION <i>Shepherds His Church</i>	PREPARATION <i>Secures Our Home</i>	CONSECRATION <i>Sanctifies His Churches</i>	REVELATION <i>Subdues His Enemies & Sits on David’s Throne</i>	SUBMISSION <i>Submits Himself & Everything Under Him to God</i>
Hebrews Ch 1–2	1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2	2:4; 3:7; 6:4; 9:8; 14; 10:15, 29	7:25	13:20	12:22-29	5 Warning Passages	1:2, 5, 8-9, 13; 5:5; 12:5	2:8; 5:7-10; 10:5-10
ARRIVAL BACK UP to Heaven & Holy of Holies <i>“You Are My Son, TODAY I Have Begotten You!”</i>			INTERVAL WHILE in Heaven & Holy of Holies <i>“TODAY if You Hear His Voice Do Not Harden Your Hearts!”</i>				ARRIVAL BACK DOWN to Earth <i>“As Long as It Is Called TODAY!”</i>	

He Is Risen! But Where Are We as Believers and What Should We Be Doing?

As believers we are still down here on earth, but we also are on a journey to enter into God final rest in heaven, where Jesus has already arrived for us and now sits at the right hand of the Father as our great High Priest.

1. Let Us HOLD FAST to Our CONFESSION.

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.” (4:14)

➤ Hold fast to our confession to PERSEVERE as believers with our local church.

Hold Fast to Persevere - Hebrews 3:6, 14; 4:14; 6:18; 10:23

What Is Our Confession?

How Do We Confess?

We hold fast with our lips and our lives on a daily basis – from our baptism to our death or His coming for us!

- Hold fast because we have a **GREAT** high priest who has **ALREADY** passed through the heavens for us!

2. Let Us **GIVE THANKS** for His Compassion.

"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin." (v. 15)

- Our *great* high priest is exalted over all things and yet **SYMPATHETIC**.
- Our *great* high priest was tempted in all things and yet **SINLESS**.

3. Let Us **DRAW NEAR** with Bold Confidence.

"Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (v. 16)

Draw Near to God's Holy Presence - 4:16; 7:19, 25; 10:1, 22

- Draw near to God through His Son, our great high priest, with bold confidence, knowing...
 1. Our *great* high priest **GOVERNS** all things from a throne of grace.
 2. Our *great* high priest **GRANTS** mercy to the hopeless who have sinned.
 3. Our *great* high priest **GIVES** grace to the helpless who struggle in their time of need.

Draw near daily to God through Jesus our great high priest!

Draw near together as a local church.

Draw near and bring before His throne of grace the people you daily encounter who are *helpless* and *hopeless in their sins* and need of mercy but don't know about God's amazing grace!

Be COMFORTED and CONFIDENT!
Jesus Is Risen, Ascended, and Seated with God
on a Throne of Grace!

Let us hold fast to our confession!

Let us give thanks for His compassion!

Let us draw near daily with bold confidence,
knowing we will receive mercy and grace in our time of need!

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.