



This week's sermon

What Is the Bible?

Hebrews 1:1-2 & 2:2-4

The central problem of the book is the Fall into sin. The Bible reveals God's plan to rescue Adam's race from sin and death.

The call of Abraham summarizes God's plan to save mankind: in short, God will make Abraham into a nation (the Jews), which will bring forth the Messiah (Jesus), and all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

God spoke for Himself in the hearing of all present saying, "this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." This moment ended the age of prophets writing the Bible and began a new and better way. God's Son stood on the earth for all to see and hear. Now, the earth can see and hear from God directly.

The New Testament did not come by a prophet. It came from the mouth of God Himself and by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles.

Digging Deeper into the Message

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.” Hebrews 1:1-4

Who did God speak through long ago? How did he speak through them?

Who does God speak through now, in these last days?

Observe everything you can from verses 2-4 that describes Jesus (either who he *is* or what he is *doing*... there are at least 7).

What is verse 4 saying about Jesus’s name?

How does this text help you worship and adore Jesus more?

Community Group

**ICEBREAKER: who is the most important Bible person, besides Jesus or Abraham?
(This is just for fun... there’s no right answer 😊)**

QUESTIONS:

- ❖ What is one thing you learned in your bible reading this week?
- ❖ What is a question you had or something you were confused about?
- ❖ What is the Bible about?
- ❖ Read the first two points on the MAP. What is the problem, and what is the solution?
- ❖ Read the third point on the MAP. What had just occurred when God said this quote?
- ❖ What was John the Baptist’s role, and why was he so important?
- ❖ Read the last point on the MAP.
- ❖ What is the difference between how God spoke in the Old Testament and how he did in the New Testament?
- ❖ How did the Apostles know what to write? And how did everyone else know they should believe them?
- ❖ How does God speak to us today?

APPLICATION: The Bible says that Jesus “opened their minds to understand the scriptures.” Pray this week that he will do the same for you as you read.