



Jesus is Better

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MAIN POINT

Because Jesus is a perfect priest, you can approach God with assurance of receiving help in your time of need.

INTRODUCTION

In times of need, who is the first person you reach out to? Who in your life understands you the most?

Reflecting on that last answer, how is even the most understanding person limited in the sympathy they can offer you?

REVIEW

| READ HEBREWS 4:14–5:10.

For the Hebrews, the role of a priest was essentially a mediator - representing God to the people and the people to God. How does Jesus perfectly fulfill both of these responsibilities?

On Sunday, we studied these 3 main ways in which this passage shows that Jesus is a better high priest:

- 1. Jesus has a better position: eternal high priest. (4:14; 5:1, 4-6)*
- 2. Jesus offers a better sympathy: understands and saves all who trust Him. (4:15; 5:2, 7-10)*
- 3. Jesus provides a better access: grace and mercy in time of need. (4:16, 5:3)*

We often think of vocational ministers (modern-day equivalents to priests) as people whom we feel don't necessarily identify with our struggles. This may or may not be true, but for the sake of discussion, how is Jesus different? Why is Jesus better than the greatest "priest" on earth?

What kinds of temptation and suffering did Jesus face during His time on earth? Give some examples that come to mind. How did He respond to them?

How does it give you confidence to know that Jesus both completely understands and has totally overcome every kind of temptation or suffering you will ever face? How can this help you approach Him more freely?

Read 4:14-16 one more time and discuss how you can practically accept the open invitation to approach God with assurance of the access you have been given through Christ.

PRAYER

Take your concerns to Jesus and accept the care that He brings. Thank Him for dealing gently with you. Ask for Him to meet your needs and praise Him for being willing to come to you and meet you where you are.