

Hebrews 1:1-3

“Jesus is Better: A Better Word”

Author: Unknown

Date: 60-70 AD

Recipient: Possibly Jewish Christians tempted to abandon Christ and go back to Judaism

Purpose: Present Jesus as better than anything they could turn back to.

- the writer doesn't use superlative (best)
- He uses comparative (better) to ultimately compare Christ to anything they could turn back to.
- Jesus is the conclusion to all OT hopes and promises

1. God's prior way of speaking (1)

2. God's new way of speaking (2-3)

- The Ultimate Ruler (2a)
 - Son
 - Heir — invested and authority
 - Sustainer — he upholds the universe
- The Ultimate Revealer (3a)
 - Radiance of the glory of God
 - All the past manifestation of God (Exodus 13; 40; 1 Kings 8)
 - Shekinah glory = blinding, brighter than the sun
 - That which makes the glory bright is Christ
 - No greater revelation than Christ
 - Fullest and most complete
 - Exact imprint of His nature
 - No child share the nature of their father completely
 - Rhett looks like me but has red hair
 - Christ does because He is God
 - “Those who have seen me, have seen the Father”
 - “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father” (John 1)
 - “No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known” (John 1)
- The Ultimate Savior (3b)
 - Purification for sins — the work of the high priest
 - Sat down — job complete
 - Right hand of the Majesty on High — favor and authority

Jesus is better:

- Word (1)
- Angels (1)
- Moses (3)
- Joshua (3)
- High Priest (4-7)
- Covenant (8)
- Sacrifice (9-10)
- Access to God (10)
- Promise (11)
- Inheritance (12)
- Hope and life (13)

Small Group Discussion:

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and the sermon Sunday?
2. Hebrews 1:1–2 contrasts the ways God spoke in the past with how He has spoken through His Son. What does this teach us about the supremacy and completeness of God's revelation in Jesus?
3. The sermon described Jesus as the ultimate ruler, revealer, and Savior. Which of these truths about Jesus stands out most to you right now, and why?
4. If Jesus is truly “better” than everything we could turn to, what are some things Christians are tempted to look to for satisfaction, security, identity, or hope instead of Christ?
5. What would it look like this week to live as though Jesus really is better—better than anything this world offers and better than anything we might be tempted to turn back to?