

Jesus Is Better
God Is Ready To Help
Hebrews 4:14-16

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“¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

~ Hebrews 4:14-16 ~

I. Jesus is better because, although He was born to die, He had victory over the grave!

Heb. 4:14 - “¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest **who has passed through the heavens**, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”

Remember - Jesus was born to die. But unlike every other priest, Jesus defeated death by rising from the grave, and has “passed through the heavens” to reign as King over all!

Eph. 4:10 - “¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.”

II. Jesus is better because He felt everything you’ll ever feel and became our sympathetic Savior!

Heb. 4:15 - “¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **sympathize** with our weaknesses, but one who **in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**”

Jesus felt everything you’ll ever feel...and more. Jesus was tempted in every way you’ll ever be tempted...and more. And through it all, He never faltered, never failed, and never sinned. That’s why He’s our perfect, compassionate high priest!

Heb. 2:17-18 - “¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make

propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

III. Jesus is better because He is able to help us when we need Him most!

Heb. 4:16 - “¹⁶ **Let us then with confidence draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Heb. 7:25 - “²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost **those who draw near to God through him**, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, who was born for one ultimate reason: to die (**Heb. 2:9-10**). Although you owe God death for your sins (**Rom. 6:23**), Christ paid that death debt in full for all who would believe; even you, even today (**Rom. 5:8**).

Although Jesus was not a sinner, He died as if He were a sinner.

Although we are all sinners,
all who believe can draw near to God,
as if they were not sinners.

2 Cor. 5:21 - “²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

This is the greatest gift and the greatest exchange of all time.

This is the Gospel that lifts our burdens, makes us strong, and gives us joy. We pray you'll believe in Christ, exchanging your sin for His salvation, and experience true and lasting joy, peace, and the gift of eternal life.

Rom. 10:9 - “⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

We're glad you're here.

Merry Christmas!