

Jesus is Better

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Colossians 1:18 *And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he (Jesus) might have the preeminence.*

- Everybody's passionate about something.
 - Coffee
 - Fishing
 - Sports
 - Food
 - Travel
 - _____
- The author of Hebrews was passionate about one thing – Jesus Christ.
- If we read the Bible looking for it, we realize it's one big book about Jesus.
- Might our love for Jesus will grow a little more because of our study tonight!

Hebrews 1:1-4 *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

1. He's better than the _____ (1:4-8)

- The Declaration (1:4) – He was made so much better than the angels.
- The Comparison (1:5-13, 2:1-4)
 - He has a better _____ than the angels (1:4)

- He's God's _____, and the angels aren't (1:5).
 - The angels _____ Him (1:6)
 - The angels serve, but Jesus _____ (1:7-8).
 - Jesus sits on the right hand of God, while the angels _____ God (1:13-14).
- The Exception (2:9-13)
 - To taste _____ for man (2:9)
 - To become the captain of _____ (2:10)
 - To _____ the devil, and his power over death (2:14)
 - To save His people from bondage (of sin and the law) (2:15)
 - To become our merciful _____, making reconciliation to God for us (2:17)
 - To be _____ with our infirmities (2:18, 3:14-16)

2. He's better than _____ (3:1-3)

- Jesus and _____ compared (3:1-6)
- Two _____ compared (3: 5-6)

3. He's better than _____ (and the priesthood) (4:14-16).

- Jesus is the compassionate high priest (4:15)
- Jesus is the commissioned high priest (5:5-6).
- Jesus has been confirmed as a high priest (6:17-20).

4. Jesus is better than Abraham (7:1-8:4)

- Jesus declares Himself to be greater than Abraham.

John 8:56-58 *“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old,*

and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”

- Jesus is the _____ high priest (7:11, 15-28)
 - The necessity of the concluding high priest: the law wasn't _____ (7:11-12).
 - The superiority of the concluding high priest: Jesus came in power of an _____ life, not the carnality of the law (vs 16-22).
 - The eternity of the concluding high priest: Priests under the law died. Jesus abides as a priest _____ (ever liveth). (vs 23-24).
 - The ministry of the concluding high priest: He is eternally holy, separate, and consecrated, and lives to save and make _____ for us (vs 25-28).

5. Jesus brought in a better _____ (8:1-6).

- The New Covenant is based on better _____ (8:6).
- The New Covenant makes better _____ (8:6-13).

6. Jesus provided a better _____ (9:13-28)

- The blood of creatures was _____ (9:13, 16-23)
- The blood of Christ was _____ sufficient (9:14-15, 23-28)

7. Jesus provided a better _____ (10:1-18)

- The Old Covenant provided a _____ (10:1-9)

- The New Covenant provided a _____ and salvation (10:10-18).

8. Jesus brought a better way of _____ (10:19-12:29).

- We have better _____ (10:19-22).
 - To the holiest (19-20)
 - To God (21-22)
- We have a better _____ (10:24-25)
- We have a better _____ (11:1-12:29)

9. Jesus offers a better _____ (11:35-11:40)

10. Jesus brought us into a better _____ (Hebrews 12:2-13)

- He speaks to us as children (vs 5)
- He chastens us as _____ (vs 5-11)
- He restores us as family (vs 11-13)

11. We have a better _____ (Hebrews 10:25, 13:1-17)

- Because of what Jesus has done, we now have a family relationship with Him, but with one another.

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