

## ***Jesus is a Better Humanity - Hebrews 2:5-18*** **Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading**

### **Notes from the Sermon**

Anyone who has an interest in Church History knows that, since the time of Christ, the preeminent controversy in the church deals with one of two things: The Trinity, and, alongside it, the deity of Christ. Every cult that's sprung off of Christianity, including Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam, the Church of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), and more, all find their primary error beginning at a false understanding of who Jesus was/is/will be. Jehovah's Witnesses deny Jesus' deity, and claim he is the Archangel Michael; those in Islam believe Jesus was a human prophet, powerful and great, but not God; Mormon's belief in Jesus' deity and humanity is as confusing as possible, but Jesus certainly isn't part of the Trinity, and is a spirit child (a.k.a., a created being) of the Father.

Whatever the belief, if we mess up Jesus' deity or humanity, we've already gone way wrong. That is why our text today in Hebrews 2 is so important. There was a sect of people during the New Testament era and beyond called the Docetists. They believed that Jesus only seemed human, but was; another group, very similar in belief and nature called the Gnostics who were very active during the time of Paul, believed that all matter is evil by nature, and therefore, Jesus couldn't be fully human, as that would make Him evil. These groups were wrong, and were quickly decried as heretical very early on, yet the author of Hebrews is likely preaching against some teaching about Jesus in this vein.

Hebrews 2 tell us in the best terms that Jesus became fully human. He did so for a few reasons;

- 1) To call to himself people (believers) by suffering like them and for them
- 2) To, through death, destroy the devil and death itself on the cross
- 3) To become our faithful high priest
- 4) To make propitiation for the sins of the people
- 5) To help those who are being tempted

You need to hear this: If you delete Jesus' full humanity, this list goes away. If we mess up Jesus' deity, we don't have Hebrews 1, a Savior better than the Angels; if we mess up His humanity, we have no Savior or High Priest who takes away the wrath of God on our behalf. We also don't have the brotherhood and restored relationship with the Father, by which He calls us Sons and Daughters. We don't have the salvation the cross provides, and we have no forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 2:5-18 tells us that Jesus takes on Humanity as part of His Lordship rule over this earth; Jesus is the Second Adam, the one who holds perfectly the dominion over this world humanity was meant to hold. While He doesn't rule visibly yet, make no mistake that Jesus, both God and Man, sits at the right hand of the Father, ruling and reigning today, and is actively putting His enemies to shame. He is, today, crowned with glory and honor, and through Him, we, his brothers and sisters, are co-heirs with the King. But only because He became like us, and later, we will become like Him!

## **Bible Reading for the Week**

### Daily Bible Readings

| Sun    | Mon    | Tues   | Weds   | Thurs  | Fri          | Sat    |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Amos 5 | Amos 6 | Amos 7 | Amos 8 | Amos 9 | Obediah<br>1 | Jude 1 |

Reading from this past week: Hebrews 2:5-18

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Hebrews 3:1-6

### **Family Worship**

Song - *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

<https://youtu.be/cUNW4MsXkkc?feature=shared>

#### Gospel Project

Unit: God Made a Promise

Story: God's Covenant with Abraham

Big Picture Question: Does God keep His promises?

Answer: Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

Scripture: Genesis 12, 15, 17

#### New City Catechism

Question 42: How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

Answer: With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith and practice it in our lives.

Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### Scripture

Hebrews 2:5-18

- How do the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament show us the humanity of Jesus? What stories and events help us see that Jesus was like us in every way?
- Why is it important for us to protect the doctrine of Jesus, and proclaim Jesus as fully human and also fully divine?
- According to our text for this week, what are the ways Jesus humanity is helpful for us as we seek to live in this world?
- Why is Jesus humanity necessary for Him to be our faithful High Priest?

#### Prayer

\*Pray that our annual bonfire will be a joy and build a sense of family for our church.

\*Pray that we as a church would be careful to protect our doctrine of Jesus deity and humanity.