

Sermon Guide

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sermon discussion questions

"Jesus is a Better Word"

- ▶ What technological change or advancement in your lifetime most amazes you?
- ▶ How long did that change or advancement remain relevant before it was updated or replaced?
- ▶ Does that frustrate you? That no matter what piece of technology or equipment you have, it will eventually be replaced? Why or why not?
- ▶ What do these verses tell us about God? (vs. 1-2a)
- ▶ Why is it important to know that our God is a God who speaks? What would be some of the implications for our lives if God was silent?
- ▶ How and when, according to these verses, does God speak? How does His past communication compare with the present communication?
- ▶ What phrases in Hebrews 1:2b-4 describe how God is revealed in Jesus Christ? How would you explain these verses to an unbeliever or a new Christian?
- ▶ How does Jesus' being the "heir" help you better understand His role in creation and redemption?
- ▶ What ideas do people today have about angels? Why would it be important then or now to affirm that the Son is superior to angels?
- ▶ What do passages like Ephesians 2:18 and John 14:6-9 reveal about our ability to know and communicate with the Father because of Jesus?

dig deeper:

"Not only do we not know God except through Jesus Christ; we do not even know ourselves except through Jesus Christ."

~Blaise Pascal

Read: John 1:1-14

What do these verse from John's Gospel affirm about Jesus' identity? Some people claim that Jesus was not actually a real historical person. If Jesus was completely human, what facts about Him must be true? Why is it necessary for people to understand that Jesus was fully human?

The Hebrew word for "tabernacle" is related to the Greek that is rendered "took up residence" in verse 14. How does Jesus take up residence within us? How does Jesus enable us to enter God's most holy place? The Israelites witnessed the glory of God in the Tabernacle. How do we observe God's glory in His "tabernacle" today?

How do we see this glory in our fellow believers? What does it mean that Jesus is full of grace and truth? How did Jesus bring grace and truth by coming to earth? As those sent by Jesus today, what does it mean for us to live full of grace and truth? Why is this an essential component of our mission at His followers?

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questions

- Read Hebrews 1:1-2
- In what ways has God spoken to us?
- What would it be like if we didn't have a Bible?
- Read Hebrews 1:3
- What is something you can control?
- What things does Christ control?

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questions

- Read Hebrews 1:1-2
- In what ways has God spoken to us?
- What would it be like if we didn't have a Bible or God's word?
- Read Hebrews 1:3
- What is something out of your control?
- What things does Christ control?

student

questions

- Read Hebrews 1:1-4
- What would it be like if God hadn't spoken or revealed Himself? What would it be like if there were no Bible? (Our opinions about "god" would be no better than a guess.)
- What are some of your favorite scriptures?
- Is there some aspect of your life that you think (or have ever thought) may be outside of the control of Christ?
- Are your sins cleansed by Christ? Are there those that you know who do not know the saving power of Christ?



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