

# Sermon Guide

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## sermon discussion questions

### "Jesus Is better than the Angels"

- If you took a poll of friends and family members, how many do you think would say they believe in angels?
- How are angels depicted in pop culture? What about these depictions is accurate? What is inaccurate?
- What do you specifically know about angels?
- Where were the angels when the world was made (Nehemiah 9:6)? What were they doing?
- What are the angels focused on in Luke 2:13-14 and Hebrews 1:6? What can we learn from the angels' example about how we should focus our lives?
- What do God's angels do with His word in Psalm 103:20?
- What does God promise to use His angels to do in the hearts and lives of believers (Psalm 34:7 and 91:11)? Why is it important to note that these promises are only for "those who fear Him"?
- Who does God send the angels to serve (Hebrews 1:14)? How might knowing this change your perspective during times of difficulty? During times of temptation?
- What things in your life most commonly distract you from worshiping Jesus? What is one change that you could make this week to devote yourself to worship?
- What is one way you could follow the example of God's angels in worshiping God for His glory? Working for His pleasure? Trusting Him for protection?

## dig deeper:

"In scripture the visitation of an angel is always alarming; it has to begin by saying 'Fear not.'" The Victorian angel looks as if it were going to say, 'There, there.'"

~C.S. Lewis

Read: Matthew 8:28-34

Who is someone that has a great amount of authority over you? Have you ever responded well or poorly to that authority? Explain. Share an example of a time when it was difficult for you to submit to authority. Would you say our response to authority figures reveals something about us? If so, what?

Based on Matthew 8:28-29, what was day-to-day life likely like for the demon possessed men? How did the demon-possessed men respond to seeing Jesus? How did they refer to Jesus? What does the demons' expectation of what Jesus was there to do tell you about Christ's authority in the supernatural realm? How does knowing Jesus has authority over demons (and all things) encourage you specifically? In Matthew 8, Jesus displayed absolute power over the forces of demons, illness, and death.

What seemingly unconquerable forces in your life will you hand over to Jesus as your authority? How would you describe the authority of Christ? In what situation(s) do you struggle to submit to His authority?

## **preschool** **questions**

- Ask your child to describe/draw an angel. After they are done, discuss it with them. Be prepared to explain that people do not become angels because they are different beings.
- Read Hebrews 1:4-14
- Ask: Who is higher? Jesus or angels? (In v.4 explain superior).
- Whom do angels worship? (v.6 Jesus)
- Explain: Like the angels, we need to keep Jesus our priority and worship Him.

## **elementary** **questions**

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- Spend some time reading other passages that show angels. Mary & Joseph speak with angels; the shepherds see them in the sky the night Jesus is born, etc.
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## **student** **questions**

- Ask your student to describe/draw an angel. After they are done, discuss it with them. Explain that people do not become angels, they are different beings.
- Spend some time reading other passages that show angels. Mary & Joseph speak with angels; the shepherds see them in the sky the night Jesus is born, etc.
- Read Hebrews 1:4-14
- Ask: Who is higher? Jesus or angels? (In v. 4 explain superior).
- Whom do angels worship? (v.6 Jesus).
- Ask if they or anyone at school talk about angels/demons.
- What is the purpose of angels? (v. 13-14 ministering to spirits).
- Read Psalms 91:11-12
- Explain: Like the angels, we need to keep Jesus our priority and worship Him.

