

# Looking to Jesus



*A Study of the Book of Hebrews*

**“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”** Hebrews 1:1-4

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## **“A More Excellent Name”**

***“Christ accomplished His predetermined purpose and was given a name that is superior to all others”***

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## The Preparation for Christ – Hebrews 1:1

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Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah:

*John 5:39 “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,”*

*Luke 24:44-48 “Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

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- The seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15)
- The Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
- The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
- The Messiah would enter Jerusalem on the back of a donkey (Zechariah 9:9)
- The Messiah would be lifted up and all who look upon Him would be saved (Numbers 21:9)
- The Messiah would overcome death (Psalm 16:10-11)

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## The Presentation of Christ – Hebrews 1:2

**Hebrews 1:2** *“but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”*

God’s last prophet before Christ was John the Baptist. Once Christ began His earthly ministry, God’s *method* of communication was once again directly with humanity

**Matthew 4:17** *“From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*

**Galatians 4:4-5** *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”*

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## The Person of Christ – Hebrews 1:3a

**Hebrews 1:3** *“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power...”*

Jesus was not just a representative for God; **He was God in flesh!**

**John 1:14** *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

**John 14:7-9** *“If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”*

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## The Purpose of Christ – Hebrews 1:3b

Hebrews 1:3b *“...After making purification for sins...”*

Jesus’ purpose for coming to earth was to save us from our sins!

Luke 19:10 *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

Matthew 26:28 *“for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”*

1 Peter 1:18-19 *“knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”*

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## The Preeminence of Christ – Hebrews 1:3c-4

**Hebrews 1:3-4** *“...he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”*

Jesus fulfilled purpose and was rewarded by the Father:

**John 19:30** *“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

**Philippians 2:9-11** *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

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## Summary

*We should look to Jesus for salvation, hope, strength, and joy; because He alone accomplished God's purpose for reconciling humanity back to Himself. Because of the victorious sacrifice of Christ, He has been exalted above all angels, people, creatures, thrones, and dominions.*

**HIS NAME ALONE IS EXCELLENT!!**

*Psalms 8:1 "O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens."*

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