

Jesus is the Intimate Savior | God's Greatest Gift | Sermon Notes
Hebrews 1:3-4
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Hebrews is a sermon in the form of the letter. The words of Jesus on the cross, "It is finished!" (John 19:30), capture the theology of Hebrews. Remember that the author of Hebrews is writing to Jewish Christians who are tempted to fall back into their old way of life so they could avoid the persecution they were suffering for being Christians. The author wants his readers to see Christ clearly, and in seeing Christ clearly, adore him dearly and follow him boldly. This is the same desire I have for all of us this morning! I want to help us see Christ clearly, adore him dearly, and follow him boldly!

Week 1: Pastor Ken taught us that Jesus is the Final Word 1:1-2

Week 2: Ryan Heard taught us that Jesus is the Glorious Son 1:2-3

Week 3: This morning I want to show you in the last two verses in Hebrews 1:1-4 that Jesus is the Intimate Savior. I will show you three truths found in those two verses that will illustrate how Jesus is our Intimate Savior so we can come to see him, adore him, and follow him!

1) He came as the God-Man (v. 3ab)

Jesus is both 100% God and 100% Man: *Hypostatic Union*

a. Jesus is 100% God

You can't have intimacy or a relationship with someone you don't know, and God came down from heaven in His Son Jesus to let you know that he is serious about having a relationship with you.

b. Jesus is 100% Man

"Christ has put on our feelings along with our flesh." John Calvin

2) He suffered as our Substitute (v. 3d)

Why?

1. Because all have sinned
2. Because the wages of sin are death
3. Because bulls and goats cant take away human sin
4. Because God loves

Question: How are you tempted to try to atone for your own sins today?

You don't need to try to atone for your sins through human efforts because Jesus' one sacrifice was enough | Heb. 10:11-14 "And every high priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered once for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected those who are being sanctified."

3) He sat down as our Priestly King (v. 3d-4)

How does Jesus' sitting down reveal that he is an intimate savior?

He Lives to Intercede for us | Hebrews 7:25 "Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, *since he always lives to make intercession for them.*"

Christians: This Christmas morning, with confidence draw near to the throne of grace.

Non- Christians: John 17:3 | "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

- *Question for Non- Christians:* Will today be day you come to KNOW the Intimate Savior, Jesus Christ?
- *How Do I Come to Know Jesus?* Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth the Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."