

Jesus IS — The High Priest

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - *Matthew 2:10-11 NIV*

THE HIGH PRIEST'S TWO PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

A. The Priest Made _____ For The _____ Of Sins.

B. The Priest _____ On Behalf Of The _____.

THE HOLINESS OF GOD AND THE SINFULNESS OF MAN

1. If we don't understand the _____ of God, we will have a _____ approach to sin.

For on that day the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. - *Leviticus 16:30 NKJV*

2. The _____ satisfies God's _____ and extends _____.

“For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time.

- *Hebrews 10:10-12 NLT*

Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. - *Hebrews 4:14-15 NIV*

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. - *Hebrews 4:16 NLT*

3. The High Priest Jesus _____ us from all _____ through _____.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. - *Hebrews 10:19-23 NIV*

“And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.” - *Acts 22:16 NIV*

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What’s your favorite Christmas decoration to put up each year?
- If you had to bring three gifts to a baby shower, what would you bring?
- Read Hebrews 10:10-12. What does it mean for Jesus to be our High Priest? How does that role influence your relationship with Him?
- What is holiness? How does knowing about God’s holiness influence the way you see God, yourself, and sin?
- Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Do you view Jesus as a distant Savior or as someone who understands what you’re going through? How does that affect your relationship with him?
- Share about a time when someone understood what you were going through. How does it feel knowing Christ always understands your struggles and is with you in the middle of them?
- Read Hebrews 10:19-23. Discuss the symbolism between how the High Priest in the Old Testament sprinkled the blood on the altar and how Jesus today sprinkles his blood on us in baptism.
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it?