

Part 2

He Becomes Greater to Become Smaller

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

John 17:5

And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Hebrews 2:14-18

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

John 16:7

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Message notes:

The point of Christ being exalted is so He can fill the heavens and become _____.

Jesus brought something with Him back to heaven--He brought His resurrected _____.

Message notes:

You can't understand His exaltedness without first understanding the _____.

For Christ to become the full, perfected, complete High Priest, He had to become _____.

Christ is exalted to the right hand of God so that He can be _____ with us by His Spirit.

Christ is _____ to me now than He was on earth limited to human body.

God is not any benefit to you if He is so far out there that He is _____ from your life.

If it's a big deal to you, it's a _____ to Him—and He can help you with it.

Discussion Questions:

How do we learn to be happy in the midst of pain?

What stood out to you when you Pastor Jamie described the levels of Christ's descension for you? How does the humility of Jesus challenge your pride?

What does Pastor Jamie mean when he talks about Jesus becoming "smaller"?

What could change in your life as you begin to see this "smaller" Jesus?

Why does Jesus want to be close to us?

Are there things in your life that need to change so that you can be closer to Him? What will you do to make those changes?

Ministry Time Questions:

Have you struggled this week to receive Christ's ministry in your life as your Great High Priest?

Are there fears in your life that have been troubling you?