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EXPLORING THE  
HEART OF CHRIST



WEEK TWO

THE SYMPATHY OF  
JESUS

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Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV

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# 1. Jesus Is Our Great High Priest

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## 2. Jesus Sympathises With Our Weaknesses Gentle & Lowly

Hebrews 4:15 ESV

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“Sympathize” here is not cool and detached pity. It is a depth of felt solidarity such as is echoed in our own lives most closely only as parents to children..In our pain, Jesus is pained; in our suffering, he feels the suffering as his own even though it isn't – not that his invincible deity is threatened, but in the sense that his heart is feelingly drawn into our distress....Not only can he alone pull us out of the hole of sin; he alone desires to climb in and bear our burdens.”

**DANE ORTLUND**

If we are to be drawn from jaded, anxious thoughts of God and a love for sin, we need such a knowledge of Christ.

**MICHAEL REEVES**

# 3. Jesus Reigns From A Throne Of Grace

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“..Your very sins move him to pity more than to anger..Christ takes part **with** you, and is so far from being provoked against you, as all his anger is turned upon your sin to ruin it.”

**THOMAS GOODWIN**