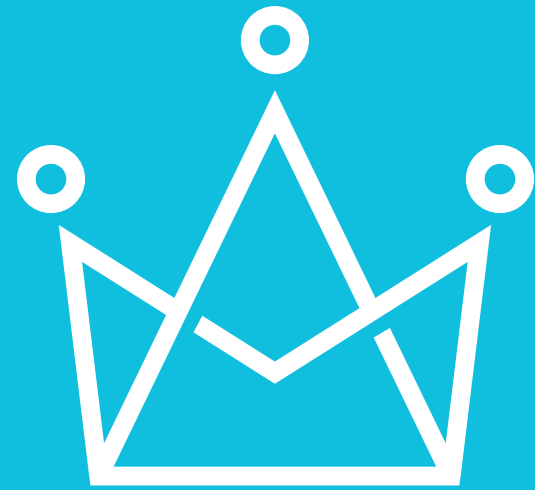


# Better

A Study of the Book of Hebrews



**KING JESUS**



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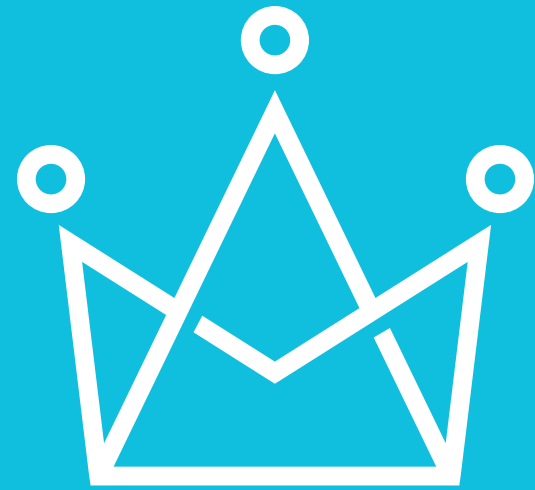
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**How much  
worse will it  
be to reject  
Jesus???**



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How is Jesus our  
*High Priest* ? 

# Textual Commentary:

- v.14

- The author continually points to our **need for faith** (holding fast to our confession).

- v.15

- Jesus is **better than every High Priest** because he is “without sin.”

- v.16

- If Jesus is our High Priest, and he was tempted as we are tempted, but he remained sinless, **we can TRUST** that the Father hears Jesus on our behalf!

## Hebrews 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, **let us hold fast our confession.** <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, **but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.** <sup>16</sup> Let us then **with confidence** draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

# Textual Commentary:

- v.1

- The High Priest is **appointed by God**.
- The High Priest shows **grace informed by personal suffering**.
- The High Priest **offers gifts and sacrifices to pay for sins**.

- v.2

- Good priests are **seasoned with grace** because they have been tempted too.

- v.3

- But every High Priest is **guilty of sin** and, therefore, must make sacrifices for their sins.

## Hebrews 5:1-4

For every high priest chosen from among men is **appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.** <sup>2</sup> He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is **beset with weakness.** <sup>3</sup> Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice **for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.** <sup>4</sup>

And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.



## Textual Commentary:

### HIGH PRIEST CHECKLIST:

- **Appointed by God**

## Hebrews 5:5-6

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ **did not exalt himself to be made a high priest**, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”



## Textual Commentary:

### HIGH PRIEST CHECKLIST:

- **Appointed by God**
- **Grants grace informed by personal suffering**
- **Offers gifts and sacrifices for sin**

## Hebrews 5:7-10

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up **prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears**, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, **he learned obedience through what he suffered.** <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, **he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,** <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

## All High Priests:

- Appointed
- Tempted
- Sacrificial

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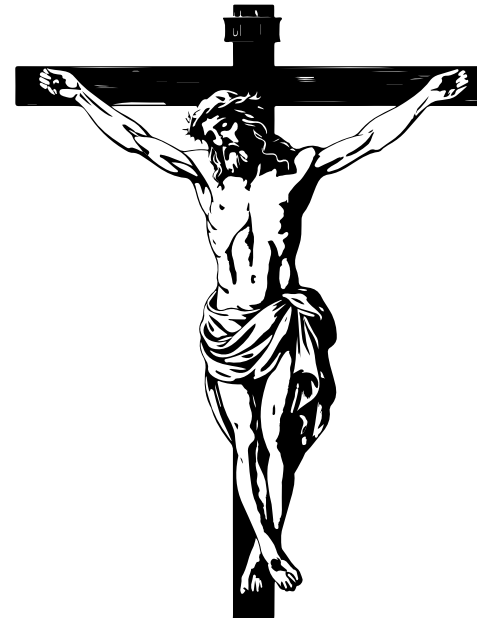


**Sinful men  
who required  
sacrifices**

## Jesus:

- Appointed
- Tempted
- Sacrificial

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## **BETTER:**

**Son  
Sinless  
Self-sacrificing**

# Textual Commentary:

## The central warning passage of Hebrews:

- The author is dismayed with the moral and doctrinal immaturity of the congregation.
- They should have progressed further in the Christian life by now.

## Hebrews 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup> About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, **since you have become dull of hearing.** <sup>12</sup> For though by this time **you ought to be teachers,** you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, <sup>13</sup> for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. <sup>14</sup> **But solid food is for the mature,** for those who have their **powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.**

**LIVE  
THE  
TEXT**



## Action Steps:

- ***Trust Jesus as YOUR High Priest (5:9).***
  - “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” //John 14:6
- ***Eat solid spiritual food (5:14a)***
  - Have you been called a “Christian” for years but you’re stuck deciding if church is right for you? If you’re going to study the Bible? If you’re going to give time and money to your local church body? If you’re going to make disciples? If you’re going to share the gospel?
- ***Practice discerning right from wrong “constantly” (5:14b)***
  - This is the practice of knowing God, what the Bible says, and applying it to life **daily**.

**LIVE THE TEXT**