

Who Is Jesus?
He is. . .a man of sorrows
(Isa. 53:3)

(Isaiah 53:3) He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; . . .

Introduction: the storms of life—futility, failure, finality

The Big Idea: Jesus’ last six hours as a “man of sorrows” give me anchor points for the storms of life.

Anchor Point #1

1. My life is not futile—because Jesus’ death brings me into God’s family (Hebrews 2:9-13).

Anchor Point #2

2. My failures are not fatal—because Jesus’ death removes my guilt (Hebrews 2:17)

Anchor Point #3

3. My death is not final—and Jesus’ death overcomes my fears (Hebrews 2:14-15).

So what?

What do Jesus’ last six hours as a “man of sorrows” give me? It depends on how I choose to interpret those last six hours of His life.

Questions to Ponder and Answer

[some are adapted from the Navigators' *LifeChange* Bible study on Hebrews]

1. Chapter 1 of Hebrews is clearly focusing on the deity of Jesus. For example, **Hebrews 1:8 (NASB)** ⁸ But of the Son *He says*, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. By way of contrast, on what about Jesus does chapter 2 of Hebrews clearly seem to be focusing our attention? What point or points is the writer making about why that emphasis in chapter 2 is important?
2. (Hebrews 2:11-13) How does the writer stress Jesus' complete identity with man?
3. (Hebrews 2:14-18) Why did Jesus have to share human nature completely?
4. (Hebrews 2:14-17) What three purposes for Christ's death do you see in verses 14-17?
5. (Hebrews 2:15) Do you ever feel enslaved by the fear of death? If so, what do you learn in this passage that helps you come to grips with and let go of this fear?
6. (Hebrews 2:17-18) How does Christ's role as high priest encourage you in your current situation? Do you think He really understands everything you are going through?
7. Is there anything about the death of Christ that you do not understand and would like further enlightenment on?