



SUNDAY MORNING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: The Captain of Our Salvation

Passage: Hebrews 2:5-18

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Introduction: When we consider the greatness of God—His power in creation, His glory displayed in the heavens, His command over the stars—it’s hard not to wonder, “Why would a God so vast care about someone like me?” Yet Scripture assures us that He does. The writer of Hebrews takes this truth even further, showing that the God who crafted galaxies also stepped into our world through His Son, Jesus Christ. In this passage, we see that Jesus didn’t simply visit humanity—He came with purpose. In our text this morning, we will see four key reasons why Christ left heaven’s splendor, took on our humanity, and entered into our suffering.

I. He Came to Regain Our Lost Destiny (Verses 8-9)

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it...” (Genesis 1:28)

Humanity was meant to rule creation under God’s authority—to govern wisely, care for it, and reflect God’s glory through obedience.

“Man was meant to have dominion over everything, but he has not. He is a creature frustrated by his circumstances, defeated by temptation, encircled by his own weakness. He who should be free is bound; he who should be a king is a slave.” — William Barclay

II. He Came to Relate to Our Difficulties (Verses 10-13)



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Jesus is not a distant observer of our suffering—He entered into it. He blazed the trail of salvation through suffering so that we could follow Him to glory.

“I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.” (Psalm 22:22)

Jesus is the divine Captain who entered the storm of sin, faced the fury of death, and opened the way to glory for His people.

III. He Came to Release Us from the Bondage of Death (Verses 14-15)

Death is the one appointment we cannot cancel, the one enemy we cannot defeat on our own.

When Jesus died, He took the sting out of death and turned the tomb into a doorway to glory.

The grave may buzz around us, but it can no longer harm those who are in Christ. That means we can live free from fear because our Captain has conquered the last enemy.

IV. He Came to Restore Us from Defeat (Verses 16-18)

Jesus became our mercy seat. His blood satisfied the holiness of God so that we could be forgiven. When the Father looks at you, He sees you through the blood of His Son.

When you cry out in temptation, in weakness, in fear—Jesus runs to your side. He doesn't scold you from afar; He comes near and helps you stand.

Jesus helps the fallen rise, strengthens the weak, and teaches us to walk in victory.

Conclusion: We have a Captain who not only secures the victory but walks with us every step of the way. He has gone



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before us, conquered every enemy we could not face alone, and now invites us to trust Him fully. So whatever storm you're in, whatever doubts or failures you've carried, fix your eyes once more on Jesus. Follow the One who leads with love, fights on your behalf, and never abandons His own. Let His triumph steady your heart, strengthen your faith, and guide your steps—because the Captain who began this good work in you will surely bring you safely home.



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