

Who is Jesus? | to know him is to love him

High Priest

Hebrews 9:11-14, 22-26

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Review: Was Jesus as mediator helpful to you this past week?

Introduction: “Do you love me?” It’s the question at the heart of life. Jesus asked it. For Jesus the story of our lives is the story of our loves. So what do we love most? And what is most worthy of our love? Those who first knew him and saw him risen from the dead became convinced that the answer must be: Jesus. They knew how much he loved them, and they loved him. Their lives and their world were transformed by that love. But how can we love him today? How can our hearts be awakened and reshaped by love for him? We begin by getting to know him. To know him is to love him. The New Testament epistle to the Hebrews has been called “the fifth gospel” because it presents rich images of Jesus not on earth but in his ongoing heavenly ministry. These images not only tell us what he does but – who he is. It’s good news that gives us great hope and rekindles our affections for so great a Savior.

This week the focus is on Jesus our High Priest.

Pray: LORD Jesus, we long to understand your heavenly role as our High Priest. Amen.

Read: Hebrews 9:11-14, 22-26

Discussion:

1. The text gives us another picture, another image of Jesus – as high priest.
How do you think of Jesus as our high priest?

Does this idea of high priest have meaning for you, and us, today?

2. The previous sacrifices were made for the purpose of “outwardly cleansing”.
Why is a cleansing of our “conscience” so much better?

How does this help us to serve the living God?

3. What is your understanding of “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness”?

To many this is an old testament temple concept.

How would you respond to a non-believer’s question about this?

4. Verses 25 and 26 remind us of the failure of the yearly sacrifices in the copy (earthly sanctuary) of the true one in heaven and the complete, eternal solution provided by Jesus.

How can we rely on this truth?

How does this truth help us to understand the love of Jesus of us, so that we may love him more?

5. The text says that Jesus appeared so as to do away with sin.
What hinders us/you from living fully into that promise?

Application: This week live into the meaning of Jesus as high priest for yourself and others

Pray: Lord Jesus, we are grateful for this teaching of you as our high priest. Help us each day to love you most in the story of our lives. Amen