





## SO WHAT? (APPLICATION):

1. **The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews opens with a challenge to the place of the Hebrew Scriptures in the plan of God:** “What we have always known as the word of the prophets,” he says, “was piecemeal and fragmentary compared to what God has said to us in Christ.”

- Some of Jesus’ opponents – the scribes and Pharisees – had a high view of Scripture, yet they were unable to recognize the final and complete Word that God had spoken in Christ. Why did they miss the point so badly?
- Critics of evangelicalism sometimes accuse us of “bibliolatry,” worshiping the Bible. How can we be sure our understanding of the Scripture is properly positioned as God intended, as a means to an end, as a testimony pointing us to Christ?

2. **There are lots of different versions of “Jesus” in play in our culture.** Just browse the religion section at your local bookstore, where you’ll find the mystical Jesus, the revolutionary Jesus, the CEO Jesus, and all the other versions and permutations in between.

- If you came to faith as an adult, your view of Jesus was radically changed. How do you see Jesus differently now than before you believed?
- If you came to faith as a child, you may have had a cartoonish version of Jesus in mind, a G-rated Jesus who wasn’t disruptive and controversial. How do you see Jesus differently now than you did as a child?
- How has your understanding of Jesus deepened and grown over the years?

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