

Who is Jesus? He is Our Prophet

Heb 1.1-3

In combating all the lies about Jesus, John emphasizes the truth of who he is. Jesus is God in the flesh.
That's great, but what does that mean for me?

A brief synopsis of the first several verses in Hebrews shows us who Jesus is big picture

TO THE FATHER, HE IS THE ETERNAL SON

TO THE UNIVERSE, HE IS THE CREATOR OF CREATION

TO THE CHURCH, HE IS OUR FINAL PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING

...Next few weeks and concentrate on that last triad: Jesus as our Prophet Priest and King.

PROPHET

We see this first title as prophet from the opening verses.

We discover that God no longer speaks through OT pre-selected, sovereignly chosen men.
He now speaks through Jesus (Word) by the Spirit...

God now speaks to us now through his Son, which is the Eternal LOGOS (Word).

Notice...

FIRST, when on earth, *Jesus still lived, preached and taught under the Old Covenant.*

This helps us understand better how Jesus preached as the final Old Testament Prophet.

Who do men say that I am? (Elijah, etc) So, He would preach like Elijah or Elisha

He would preach w/ exaggeration and hyperbole, extravagant phrases and words

He would talk about cutting off your hand and plucking out your eye

He would tell us to hate mother and father;

He would talk about burning in hell, weeping and gnashing

millstones being tied around necks, ground to powder.

The same phrases as the OT prophets: stars falling, sun black, moon blood, lightning flashing

SECOND, *Jesus is the culmination of all previous revelations and manifestations.*

Jesus is the final, perfect, consummate prophet, priest and King.

All of the prophets of the Old C find their fulfillment in Jesus the final Prophet

All of the priests of the Old C find their fulfillment in Jesus the final Priest

All of the Kings from David on in the Old C fulfillment in Jesus the final King

But here is the beautiful difference between the OT prophets...

Obedient, but limited. Inspired, but carnal. Faithful, but failing Moving forward, but dying.

All their ministries ended in a grave.

Our Prophet entered the grave, but we know what happened to Him! *He didn't stay there!*

Three characteristics of the last day's final prophet named Jesus taken from Revelation 19:9-10

HE DECLARES THE TRUTH

We live in a society right now that is the image of old rome, 1st Timothy 4:
The spirit speaks expressly, that in the last days some shall depart from the faith,
Giving heed to seducing spirits, doctrines of devils.
Speaking lies in hypocrisy, Having a conscience seared with a hot iron,
No longer marrying,
Abstaining from meats and certain foods,
Participating in temporal worldly and unsanctified practices
Believing old wives Fables ...narratives, fictions, falsehoods (mythos).

I've warned you before: every source of information you listen to is feeding you a narrative.
It might be a good narrative, or it may be a bad narrative, but it is a story, a narrative.

But I've got good news for you! We know WHAT the truth is...WHO the truth is...WHERE to find truth (WORD).
Jesus said everyone who is OF the truth hears my voice. They are of the truth because they hear his voice!

That leads me to worship...

HE INSPIRES WORSHIP

The angel in Revelation says do not worship me! I am just a fellow servant with the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!

When I hear his truth, I worship Him.
When I see his truth in action, it inspires Worship in me.
It inspires awe and amazement at how he does what he does.

Coming up to Easter, the mystery and the Majesty of how he secured salvation!

HE BREATHES LIFE

(Rev 19): The witness of Jesus is the breath of the Spirit

And he breathed on them and said receive ye the Holy Ghost. Why do that?

Because THIS SAME prophet, priest and King WHO breathed life into creation breathes life into us by the Spirit!
He breathed His life into Adam, and NOW he is now breathing his life into us.

This eternal Prophet named Jesus is breathing his life into each of us right now.
Every step of our journey he has been breathing his life.