



## ***Reading Through the Bible with Jesus***

### **Hebrews 1:1-4**

### **Jesus IS the *raison d'être* of the Bible!**

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

#### **Text Message:**

- o The *raison d'être* refers to the reason why something exists.
- o Jesus is not only “the Reason for the Season” (of Christmas) but the reason for the Bible!
- o Watch how all the Scriptures point to Jesus:  
The Old Testament: God spoke to our fathers by the prophets...

The Gospels: He [God] has spoken to us **by his Son...**

The New Testament: He [God] has spoken **to us** by his Son...

- o When God spoke through the prophets, He spoke through imperfect human beings. When God spoke by His Son, Jesus was the Word of God (John 1:1,14).
- o Jesus Himself would say:  
“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.” John 5:39-40
- o The purpose of the written Word of God was always to point to Jesus, the Living Word of God!
- o Jesus was either the world’s greatest megalomaniac, **or** who He claimed to be- the purpose of Scripture and Giver of Life!

**Jesus is where all things came from and where all things are going!**

<sup>2</sup> who he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

**Text Message:**

- o Jesus is appointed heir of all things (i.e. the

future).

Jesus is the One whom God created the world (i.e. the past).

- o Jesus Himself would say, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Revelation 22:13
- o As if this isn’t clear enough, in verses 3-4 we see:
  - 1) Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God.
  - 2) Jesus is the exact imprint of God’s nature.
  - 3) Jesus upholds the universe by His Word (i.e. Genesis 1!).
  - 4) Jesus has made purification for sins.
  - 5) Jesus has sat down at God’s right hand.
  - 6) Jesus is superior to all angelic beings.
  - 7) Jesus’ name is greater than that of angelic beings.

**Jesus is the “lens” by which we read the Bible!**

**Text Message:**

- o This refers to a “Christocentric hermeneutic,” which simply means, “Christ-centered interpretation.”

o Practical Examples:

1) What do we do with the Law (i.e., Ten Commandments):

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Romans 10:4

2) What do we do with Old Testament dietary restrictions?

Thus he declared all foods clean. Mark 7:19b

3) How about sexuality- *Bigamy, concubines, etc., anyone?*

‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife... Mark 10:7

4) How we treat enemies- *David, may I use your slingshot?*

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... Matthew 5:44

5) Must we worship on the Sabbath (Saturday)?

“The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.” Matt. 12:8