



# Preface

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In the previous week...

- Jesus Christ is God's ultimate revelation to the world. He is superior over angelic beings due to the nature of His relationship to the Father, His position over the angels, His kingly authority, and His eternal lordship over creation. Jesus' superiority is a warning for us to pay careful attention to God's revelation through Him.

This week...

- Jesus Christ's sharing in our humanity is essential for the atonement of our sins. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus became the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan, made us holy, and welcomed us into His family. During His time on earth, Jesus experienced temptations and suffering. Thus, He is able to understand and help us in times of need.

# Observation

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1. To whom has "the world to come" been subjected (Heb. 2:5-8)?
2. Based on Heb. 2:9, what is Jesus' current status after being made lower than the angels for a little while and how did He achieve it?
3. Based on Heb. 2:9-11 and Heb. 2:14-17, what have Jesus' suffering and death accomplished?

*Leaders' note:*

- i. **Solidarity** – Jesus tasted death for everyone (v.9)
- ii. made the **pioneer of their salvation perfect** (v.10)
- iii. **adoption** of those who are made holy into the same family (v.11)
- iv. Jesus' death **broke the power of the devil** who holds the power of death (v.14)
- v. **freed people** from the enslavement to their fear of death (v.15)
- vi. **atoned for the sins** of the people (v.17)

4. What relationships has Jesus established with His people through his incarnation, suffering and death?

*Leaders' note: **Family** - brothers & sisters (v.11), **priestly** (v.17), **helper and helped** (v.16&18)*

# Interpretation

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1. Heb. 2:6-8 is a quotation from Psalm 8:4-6. What can we learn about God, prophecies, and His promises concerning Jesus, when the words were repeated again in verse 8-9?

*Leaders' note: Jesus' incarnation, suffering, and death were planned and prophesied as part of God's redemptive plan for humanity. There is one promise that is yet to be fulfilled, which is to "see everything subject to them/him" (verse 8).*

2. Why does Jesus' incarnation and suffering necessary to be the pioneer of our salvation?

*Leaders' note: Jesus Christ is **fully God and fully man**. Everything was created by Him and for Him, and everything will be subjected to him. Sin entered the world through one man requiring atonement. Therefore, **God sent Jesus to die once and for all, bringing all men to Himself**. Through Jesus' identity as God's Son and His role as High Priest, we can be adopted into His family and have our sins forgiven.*

3. Based on Heb. 2:14-18, what does Jesus' incarnation reveal about the characteristics He took on as a human?

# Application

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1. How has Jesus' incarnation and suffering impacted our view of His identity and purpose?

2. Jesus suffered and died for our sins. How does this truth shape our understanding of the need for repentance and inspire us to live a life of holiness?

3. Jesus brings us into the family of God through His relationship as the Son and our High Priest. How does this truth transform the way we approach God as a Father who is holy?

4. We are all members of one family in Christ. Share one specific way that we can follow Christ's example to humble ourselves and serve our family/community in the coming week.

## Optional Prayer Exercise: *Lectio Divina*

*Lectio Divina* is the Latin for "Divine Reading". It is a practice of scriptural reading that involves repeatedly reading a portion of Scripture at a slower pace, allowing rooms for digestion and reflection. It consists of four steps: **read, meditate, pray, and contemplate**.

Begin by reading a section of the Scripture slowly for 2 times, and identify a word or a phrase for further meditation, prayers, and contemplation.

Example: *Lectio Divina* on Hebrews 2:14-15; Phrase: "flesh and blood"

Prayers: "Jesus Christ, I'm sorry that I often diminish the suffering that You experienced on the cross by taking the weight of my sin lightly. Help me to surrender my self-seeking and self-protecting tendencies, and remind me to follow Your examples in sacrificially loving others. In Your name I pray, Amen."