

Jesus Made Like His Brothers - Hebrews 2:5-18

Topics: Angels, Atonement, Creation, Freedom, Grace, Jesus Christ, Mercy, Reconciliation, Salvation, Satan, Suffering, Temptation

Open It

1. What does it mean to be free?
2. How would you describe the ideal brother or sister?
3. What qualities or accomplishments of one of your siblings make you most proud?
- * 4. What is the most helpful act a brother or sister has ever done for you?

Explore It

5. What is our God-given place on earth? (2:6-8)
6. What is the relationship between Jesus Christ and the rest of the universe? (2:8)
- * 7. What is Christ's present heavenly status? (2:9)
8. What actions by Christ led to His current exalted position at the right hand of God? (2:9)
9. What was unique about the death that Christ suffered? (2:9)
10. What is God's ultimate goal for us? (2:10)
11. What does Christ do to qualify a person for membership in the family of God? (2:11)
12. What is the relationship between Christ and those who experience the salvation He gives? (2:11-12)
13. What effect did the death of Christ have on Satan and his power? (2:14)
14. What effect did the death of Christ have on those who were enslaved to the fear of death? (2:15)
- * 15. In what ways is Christ like us? (2:14, 17)
- * 16. What makes Christ especially qualified to help Christians when they are being tempted? (2:18)

Get It

17. In what ways are we "a little lower than the angels"?
- * 18. What difference does it make that Christ "tasted death for everyone"?
- * 19. What is the significance of the fact that no trial or temptation can come upon you that Christ does not perfectly understand?
20. How do the temptations Christ suffered on earth affect the way He represents us before God as high priest?
21. What counsel would you give to a Christian friend who was terrified of death?
22. How can it help you on a daily basis to know that you have a "big brother" like Christ?
23. What are the implications of the fact that Jesus' death and resurrection destroyed Satan and his power?
24. What areas of your life do you need to entrust to your understanding, merciful, and powerful high priest/big brother?

Apply It

25. Knowing that Christ understands your temptations, how can you respond differently today to the difficulties you face?
- * 26. What Christian friend(s) can you encourage today with the message that Christ is our sympathetic high priest? How?