

Jesus the Great High Priest - Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Topics: Confidence, Faith, Grace, Obedience, Prayer, Sacrifice, Salvation, Submission, Temptation, Weaknesses

Open It

- * 1. To whom do you often turn when you feel discouraged? Why?
- 2. How do you typically respond to folks who get in trouble—anger? impatience? sympathy? pity? encouragement? disgust?
- 3. If Jesus walked in the room right now, how do you think you might feel?

Explore It

- 4. To what important spiritual leader did the author of Hebrews compare Jesus? (4:14)
- * 5. In what way is Jesus the ultimate high priest? (4:15)
- 6. In what ways was Jesus tempted? (4:15)
- 7. How is Jesus able to sympathize with us? (4:15)
- 8. Because of Jesus' superior high priesthood, how can forgiven sinners approach God? (4:16)
- * 9. How does Christ respond to those who approach Him in faith? (4:15-16) Why?
- * 10. What is the role and primary duty of a high priest? (5:1)
- 11. What makes a good high priest sympathetic to those he represents? (5:2)
- 12. For whom did a high priest offer sacrifices? (5:3)
- 13. Who chose Israel's high priests? (5:4)
- 14. How is Jesus like Melchizedek? (5:6)
- 15. In what priestly activities did Jesus engage while on earth? (5:7)
- 16. What did Jesus' sufferings teach Him? (5:8)
- 17. Who is described in this passage as the "source of eternal salvation"? (5:9)

Get It

- 18. How does it encourage you to have Jesus as your high priest?
- 19. What is the difference between sinning and being tempted?
- 20. How would the need for priests to offer sacrifices for their own sins have applied to Jesus Christ?
- 21. How did suffering to the point of death give Jesus insights into obedience?
- * 22. Why do you think suffering was part of God's will for Jesus as our high priest?
- 23. How does the sympathy and understanding nature of Christ motivate you to turn to Him when temptations arise?
- 24. What does it mean for us to approach God?
- * 25. How can we honor Christ as our high priest?
- 26. What does it mean to you that Jesus has gone through the problems and temptations you face?
- 27. For what specific area of your life do you need to approach Jesus and ask for mercy and grace?

Apply It

- * 28. When will you pray each day this week, approaching God through Christ?
- 29. What steps do you need to take this week to follow the obedient example of Jesus, who did God's will even when it resulted in personal suffering?