

YOUR INVITATION TO A BETTER CHRISTMAS

HEBREWS 2:9-18

THREE KEYS TO A BETTER CHRISTMAS

Jesus' incarnation brought us SALVATION.

“In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.” (vs. 10-11)

Jesus' incarnation defeated DEATH.

“But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.” (vs. 9)

“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death — that is the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” (vs. 14-15)

Jesus' incarnation made Him our REPRESENTATIVE before God.

“For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.” (vs. 16-18)

Questions For Consideration:

When you think of Christmas, how do you usually see Jesus?

What does it mean to you that Jesus shared in our humanity?

The book of Hebrews speaks of Jesus ministry with the term “better” in what way does Jesus putting on our skin make Christianity better?



Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What is the best Christmas that you can ever remember? What made it so special?

Read Hebrews 2: 9-18.

This passage teaches about Jesus "walking in our shoes", and the difference His becoming human made..

- When you think of Christmas, how do you usually envision Jesus?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus shared in your humanity?
- The book of Hebrews speaks of Jesus ministry with the term "better" or "superior" in what way does Jesus putting on our skin make the celebration of Christmas better than all other Christmas traditions and legends?
- What is the most difficult part of seeing Jesus sharing your life experiences, walking in your shoes?
- More people commit suicide during the two weeks leading up to Christmas and the week after Christmas than any other time during the rest of the year. What does this passage say to those who have lost all hope and would consider taking their lives?
- Loneliness is another epidemic during the Christmas season. In spite of office parties, and family gatherings, many people express they never feel more alone than at Christmas. What comfort does Jesus becoming flesh offer to them?

Next Steps	<p>Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you understand the significance of Jesus putting on human flesh:</p> <p>Spend some time at the end of each day reflecting on your experiences of the day: your activities, your fears and emotions, your thoughts. As you reflect upon them think about how Jesus might have responded if he were in your shoes.</p> <p>Jesus was God incarnate, God in the flesh. We are called to be like Christ. Plan to be Jesus in the life of someone this week by sharing God's message of grace, providing Christ's comfort over death, or letting them know God understands their situation.</p>
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