

Series: Jesus is Better (02)

Title: <u>Jesus is Better than Angels</u> Scripture: <u>Hebrews 1:1-14</u>

Two important questions about Jesus we all must answer:

- 1. Who is He?
 - The Word of God teaches us who Jesus is.
- 2. What has He done? (Most of us are more familiar with what He has done for us.)
 - What Jesus does reveals who God is to us.

The Word of God warns us of unseen problems. (v. 4)

- There is confusion about who Jesus is, which Hebrews clarifies.
- 1. Jesus is not an angel. He is infinitely superior to angels.

Truths and Misconceptions About Angels:

- Angels are created beings.
- Angels are constantly worshipping before the throne of God.
- Angels are not infinite in number but they are beyond our ability to count.
- Angels are personalized messengers of God.
- Angels are agents of God's purposes.
- Angels can kill people and threaten to kill people.
- Angels can rescue people.
- Angels aren't cute you fall on your face when angels show up.
- Angels are witnesses to the Triune God.
- Angels are servants of Christ.
- Angels are agents of God's Justice.
- Angels are at war in the heavenlies?
- The resurrection of Jesus declares that Jesus is the One and only Son of God. (v. 5)
 - Angels are sons of God, but Jesus is the SON of God.

- 3. Jesus is the Firstborn of all creation that angels worship. (v. 6)
 - The Firstborn is a title, not a birth order.
- 4. The angels serve the Sovereign Christ. (v. 7)
- 5. Jesus is the Messiah Eternal King. (vs. 8-9)
- 6. Jesus is the Creator who has no end. (vs. 10-12)
- 7. Jesus will one day soon crush every enemy of God. (v. 13)

The same angels that serve Christ, serve His church. (v. 14)

We must not neglect salvation. (Heb. 2:1)



Small Groups in January: Evangelism Methods and Strategies

Gospel memory Verse 1: Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (All people have an unsolvable sin problem.)

Gospel memory Verse 2: John 3:16-18 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. 18 Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." (Jesus is God's loving solution.)

Gospel memory Verse 3: Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out" (Repent; turn from sin to God's forgiveness)

Gospel memory Verse 4: Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Believe and confess Jesus as your Lord)

Gospel memory Verse 5: Ephesians 2:8-10 "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Faith by grace alone)

Gospel memory Verse 6: 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (New Life)

Gospel memory Verse 7: John 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also." (Eternal Life)