

# Who is Jesus?

**Hebrews 1:1–4**

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If you have your Bibles, go to Hebrews chapter 1, put a bookmark in it because we're going to be in Hebrews for a year, and it's going to be such a great study. But before we dive in, I do want to tell you about what happened to me last Saturday...I walked into my kitchen and I said, "Katie, I'm not sure, but I think I need to repent." And Katie's like, "It's 10 AM, what did you do already, what's happened?" I said, "Well, let me tell you about what just happened." so now I'll tell you guys what had just happened. It was time to mow the yard and so I'm going over to Mom and Dad's to grab the mower. Dad was in Brazil, Mom's gone, but as I get the mower and start to pull out of the driveway a van pulls in. Now I'm already kind of on guard dog alert because Mom's by herself with Dad gone so I'm like who's pulling in here? Who's coming? What if I wouldn't have been here? So I pull the mower over, the van stops, I turn the mower off, and I say, "Hey, can I help you?" He said, "Yeah, we're just out in the community talking to people about the Bible." I say, "Okay, that's great." They say, "Yeah, we're Jehovah's Witness and wondering if you are religious in any way." And so I said, "Actually, I'm the pastor of Hardin Baptist Church, so you know what I believe and I know what you believe, so do we want to get to those things?" It sort of took me back just a little bit because I'm like, man, I know this is not the best. So I'm telling y'all I need to repent because I don't know that I handled this the best.

Now I've had a lot of conversations with Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons. They come in, pull their literature out, hospitality, open our bibles... But today, I need to mow, we got a lot of things to do. It's hot. They pull up so let's just cut to the chase, let's just get to it. They say, "Well actually you may not believe this, but we're actually a lot more

similar than you think we are." I said, "Well, I believe Jesus is the one true God, do you?" I mean, if we're going to argue, let's go right to the punchline. They said, "Well, we believe that He is a great witness, we believe He is our Savior, so we have a lot in common." I said, "Yeah, but is He the one true God?" You could tell they didn't really want to say no or yes and I kind of pushed it, and I said, "Here's the issue; let's talk about what we're disagreeing about." They said, "No, He is not the one true God. There's only one God, Jehovah, and Jesus is His witness." I said, okay, "That is where we disagree because I believe He is not just a witness, He is the one true living God." I went to Hebrews 1 and I just kind of went through Hebrews, "Here's why I believe that. Here's what the Bible says." So we had a good discussion about Jesus...is He God, is He not? Now I knew it probably wasn't going to go anywhere but we get towards the end, and they say, "He's our Savior too," and I'm like, "Well, He can't be your Savior unless He's your God, so we're going to disagree on that." I try to give them a few more scriptures to think about and they can also tell we weren't getting anywhere. So they say, "We're going to go over to the next neighbor but let's just leave here both agreeing that we're both Christians and we believe similar things." Um...no, we're not going to part like that...I said, "I believe Jesus is the one true God, that's what Christianity declares. So if you are right that He's not, then I am an idolater. I'm worshiping a false God and there is big trouble with that. So I'm either a heretic or I'm right. But if I'm right, you're not honoring the Son and you are in big trouble. We're not both on the same team, we're not both Christians who have little differences. No, I'm saying He's God, you're saying He's not, and that is miles apart." I said, "Not only is He my God, He's my Savior whose finished work on the cross saved me from my sins and brought me to God the Father. Here's what I want you to know...when I go to bed at night I put my head on my pillow and I sleep like a baby because I know all my sins are forgiven and I don't have to anything else to earn God's favor. When you put your head on your pillow, can you say the same thing?" So it ended with just a little bit of awkward pleasantries, they pulled off, I got on the mower, cranked it, my heart's racing, I drove off thinking I probably

should have handled that a different way, I might need to repent and I'm still working that out. But here's what I do know...it really matters what we really believe about Jesus. I wanted to make sure in that moment that we were talking about the right thing because we have to get Jesus right.

So, we're dealing with the book of Hebrews, which I think was a sermon more likely preached to a people, and most scholars would agree that the audience is Jews that have converted out of Judaism to Christianity. They believe Jesus is their Lord and they're following Jesus. But now it's getting messy; they're getting persecuted. Being a Christian is actually costing them a lot, so some of them are tempted to go away from Jesus back into Judaism, back to their mom and dad's religion, back to the temple, back to sacrifices because that seemed to work too. So the writer of Hebrews is going to say whoa, whoa, whoa. Jesus is better. He's better than temple. He's better than sacrifices. He's better than the old way. He is the full and final revelation of God. So this question of who is Jesus, it is a very important question because they need to see a bigger vision of Jesus. They need to remember who He was because once you get Jesus you can't go back to something else, you have the full and final revelation of God. You have the full and final Savior and if you leave Jesus you have nothing else to go back to. So the writer is saying I know it's hard, but I want you to remember who Jesus is, and as you remember who Jesus is, continue in your faith.

How does that land with us as people today? Most of us haven't converted from Judaism into Christianity, but I think some of us might feel a pull to go back to cultural Christianity, to go back to safe Christianity where we don't really believe the Bible, we don't really say all the things that Jesus really said. We make it nice because we can live in a culture where Christianity maybe used to have been really cool but now it seems dangerous to some people, so we can go back when Christianity or following Jesus gets hard. I think what the writer of Hebrews would say to us is I know it might get hard following Jesus, but Jesus is better than whatever hardship you're going through. Jesus is better than cultural

Christianity, or just being religious...He is better. If you have Him don't ever go back. Keep holding onto Jesus, and to do that, the preacher is going to show us who Jesus is, so let's get into God's Word. Hebrews chapter 1, let's begin reading in verse 1 through verse 4.

## Scripture

***"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs."***

So I know one of the big questions is who wrote Hebrews? It is a little bit different, it's classified as an epistle. If you look at Philemon, for instance, we see it's Paul and Paul says he wrote Timothy, but in Hebrews there's no author mentioned. Nobody says who preached it or who wrote it. I do think it's a sermon because in chapter 13, it's a word of exhortation. I think it's a sermon preached and then you have some added pleasantries at the end. But I'm just going to say I have no idea who preached or wrote Hebrews and I'm not even going to guess. I just don't know. So origin, one of the early church fathers in the third century said only God knows, and I'm taking that path and saying the same thing, only God knows. I read so many commentaries and so many speculations and the point is God intended us not to know. God wrote Hebrews, that's who wrote Hebrews. The Holy Spirit preached Hebrews through a guy that has long been forgotten, and I think that's kind of cool that we don't know who preached one of the greatest sermons ever preached.

Now, we don't know who it is because we're not supposed to know the person; we're supposed to know the Person of the sermon, which is the

Lord Jesus Christ. We do know this is recognized scripture by the early church and we know this is the Holy Spirit speaking to a people who are tempted to go back. So what does this preacher say? In the beginning, he says that Jesus is God's final word. Notice what it says in verse 1, "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets..." and then there's going to be a contrast. But let's just start out the opening because I love the opening "long ago." I think I like that so much because it reminds me of my favorite movie and its opening line, *...long ago in a galaxy far, far away...* but this is better than Star Wars, I promise, I've read the whole sermon. It's better because this is true in reality but he's calling us back to an older story; it's a story of the older testament. Here's what we find that should blow our minds—God speaks, just think about that—God speaks. Long ago, in many ways and many times, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, so we have a God that speaks. Do you know what that tells us about God? He wants you to know Him. He communicates to us. He speaks to us. He's not shrouded in mystery up on a mount somewhere. He didn't create the world and decide to just stand back and let us figure it out. No, He's spoken, He's told us who He is, He's told us how He acts, what He's like, His moral order for His creation. He has spoken to us; therefore, God desires a relationship with His creatures. That's pretty profound. I want to say it a different way, God desires a relationship with you. God wants to speak to you. God wants to communicate to you. So my question is since God is a speaking God, are you a listening creature? God speaks, that's reality. The question is do you listen? Have you listened to God this week? Have you listened to His Word? Have you listened to what He's been saying to you?

So God speaks, and notice how He's spoken...long ago, so older testament, at many times in many ways. So you can think about burning bush. You can think about mountains with lightning and smoke, and donkeys speaking, and all the different ways God has used to speak from, but primarily it's been the prophets. He spoke to our forefathers, He spoke to our people long ago through the prophets. He would give the prophets

what He wanted to say, the prophets would speak it, the prophets would write it down. We have most of those writings from the prophets so we can know what God spoke to His people in the Old Testament. We can get to know God. We know how the world was made. We know how the world has fallen. We know this gospel thread of a story because God spoke through the prophets to those people and also to us.

So that is long ago God's been speaking, but notice this contrast verse 2, "...but in these last days." That's the days of the Hebrews, that's all the way to the days of us, we are in those last days. How is God speaking in the last days? He has spoken to us "by His Son." How does God speak now? Through the person of Jesus Christ. If you want to know who God is, if you want to know how God acts, if you want to know how God speaks, if you want to know how God interacts with people, what do you do? You look at the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the full and final revelation of God to us. And can I say, we don't need anything else. We don't any other revelation past Him. He is the full revelation of God. So if you don't know who God is, I would encourage you to read the Gospel of John. Do you know why? Because you're seeing God walking in flesh and blood when you see Jesus, that's why Jesus was saying John 14...if you've seen me, you've seen the Father. Why? Because I and the Father are one, Jesus would say. And so Jesus is the full and final revelation of God to us. When you're looking at Jesus, you're seeing God. Not only that, but notice the title of the sermon, Who is Jesus? He's God's Son.

So what does that mean if Jesus is God's Son? Well just in the title next week, the writer is going to go all throughout the Old Testament to show how the title, Son, means He's better than the angels, means He's divine. He is the one true God because He's the Son so come back next week and we're going to see that spelled out. But notice that title, Son. What does that mean? Well, I have three sons and those three sons' last name is Cunningham, they belong to me. Because they belong to me and Katie, do you know what that makes them? They are my sons so it means they are human, because I am human. Well, if Jesus is God's one and only Son,

what does that make Jesus? It makes Him divine, it makes Him to also be God. So we see Jesus, His title, is even hinting and making it clear—that's why the Pharisees, when He said I'm the Son of God, they wanted to stone Him. They were not happy with Him. So Jesus is the full and final revelation of God. So in times past God spoke through the prophets, now he's speaking through Jesus. I want you to imagine if you have a young man who marries a girl and then he goes off to war and now he's fighting battles and he's writing letters to his new bride. He's sending messages through friends to his new bride. He's sending postcards, he's drawing pictures. He has a picture taken of himself and sends it to her. He does morse code. He communicates to his bride the whole time he's gone, but then all of a sudden there's a knock on the door and his wife opens the door and it's him, flesh and blood standing in front of her. Which is better? The letters and the morse code, or her husband, flesh and blood, standing before her where she can grab and hug and kiss? Of course standing before her is better! Do you hear what he's saying? We used to have God communicating through prophets, and now we have God, flesh and blood, who knocked on our door and revealed Himself. Don't go back to that. Stick with the Lord Jesus, the full and final revelation of who God is.

Who else is Jesus? He's the heir of all things. Notice what the preacher says, "...whom He appointed the heir of all things..." Now, who's an heir? Well, an heir is someone that gets everything. If you watch like Downton Abbey, it's like you have these big estates, these big lands, who gets them? The kids of the people who had them, right? That's how it gets passed down. Who gets to be in Buckingham palace? Well, it's the right kids, the right son or the right daughter gets to be king or queen. It happens through the heirs. There's an inheritance. What does it say about Jesus? He is the heir. He's the heir who gets all of the things. I think it's an allusion probably to Psalm 2:8, where God says of this son who is a king, "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession." So it's a prophecy. Someone's coming who's going to be a son who's also the king, who's going to rule the nations, and God's

going to say just ask of me and I'll give you all of the nations and all of the earth. Now we see who that is...it's the Son Jesus. He doesn't just get places, He gets people. He gets you and me. He gets the nations. We are part of the inheritance that Jesus gets and it's a beautiful thing. And notice, He's appointed of all things. Do you know what all things means in the original language, the Greek? It means all things. All of it. There's nothing outside of the inheritance of Jesus. It's all for Jesus, it's all going to Jesus, and that includes you and your life. You are part of his glorious inheritance. He's appointed the heir of all things.

Not only that, Jesus is also the Creator of all things. It says, "...through whom also He created the world." Man, just check that out for a moment. God the Father created the world how? Through the Son Jesus Christ. Now, we can see hints of this even the older testament. In Genesis 1, God creates the world how? Through words He speaks the cosmos into existence. Then we have John 1, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." So how did God create the universe? God the Father spoke, and that Logos, the Son, He creates through the Son all the things that we see. So we see the Son is uncreated. The Son has always been with the Father...Father, Son, Holy Spirit, uncreated. But He's the agent by which all of the world was created through. So do you know what you can say? Jesus, He's not just my Savior, He's my Creator. Jesus created you. I mean, think about that for a moment. Jesus, the one who died on the cross is also the one who you were created through. And you weren't just created through, you were created for, as we're going to see in just a moment. So if I could just ask, are you living your life as surrendered to your Creator? The one who gave you life, have you given that life back to Him? Because that's the only reasonable thing to do.

But you might be asking, "Well, this world, it's a little bit broken, I don't know that He did such a good job." Well, we not only have Jesus who creates, but we also have Satan who corrupts. We see that in Genesis 3, there was a corruptor. We have Satan who whispered lies to our parents,



got them to sin, and now we have the fall and corruption. So we have God who creates, but we have an enemy who corrupts. Do you know what we get to do as people who are created by God? We can either live out our lives under God's good creation or we can surrender our lives to Satan's corruption. You have an option. You can live for your flesh in your sinful passions and live a selfish, sinful life, that's part of corruption that is going to fall in the end. Or you can decide to live for King Jesus and the Holy Spirit comes to live in you, and now you can walk by the Spirit and live according to God's creation, God's plan, God's vision for the future. So I just ask, where do you find yourself living in right now? Is it more under corruption or creation? Because man, Jesus is your Creator and if you follow Him, you're going to want to live under His good creation of the world.

Next, Jesus is God in the flesh. He's God in the flesh. I think the preacher is trying to say that every way he can. I mean, he doesn't say it exactly, like do you remember in John 20 when Thomas says hey Jesus, you're my Lord and my God. That's pretty straightforward, can't deny He's God. All the disciples thought He was God, they all worshiped Him; you can't worship anybody but God and they worship Jesus. But I think the writer, in a very poetic way, is trying to use language to show Jesus is the one true God. Notice what he says, "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature..." Who is Jesus? He's the radiance of the glory of God. Imagine if I said that about one of you. Imagine if I said, "Hey Josh Revell over here is the radiance of the glory of God." He's like, "No dude, don't say that about me. Swipe that from the livestream, that's not a good meme!" That's completely untrue, right? No one wants that of them because it's not right. It's said of Jesus and celebrated that Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God. What does that mean, the radiance of the glory of God, the Shekinah glory of God in the Old Testament, that light that just shows from His holiness, His public going forth and His holiness, which is His glory that men can sort of see but run from. That's glory. What is he saying? Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God. When you see

Jesus, you're seeing and beholding the glory of God. What does that make Jesus? It makes Jesus God.

This morning I got to watch the sunrise. It was pretty. About five o'clock this morning I was in my chair and I got to watch the living room come to light through my window. I got to see over our farm just all this orange fill the horizon, it was just a beautiful sunrise. So as I'm seeing this orange, I'm seeing all this light pour forth, what am I looking at? Well, I'm looking at the sun, right, it's the sun that's doing that. I'm looking at the sun, though I'm only looking at the radiance of it right now, just the spilled over glory of it. As it keeps coming up, I finally see it peeking over the trees and I could actually look at the sun, I couldn't look long, but I looked right at it. I'm not just seeing the sun, I'm seeing the radiant light that's coming from the sun. That's all you can see, it's a long way away, but I am seeing the glory of the sun.

See, that's what the writer is trying to say about Jesus. Jesus is the radiant glory of God. When you see Jesus, you are seeing and beholding the one true God. I love what George Guthrie says. He says, "One cannot separate the experience of looking at the brightness of a light from seeing the light itself because they are too closely associated." If you look at a bright light, you're looking at the light but you can't disassociate the light from the thing light's coming from because they are together. When you see Jesus, what are you seeing? You're seeing the glory, the radiance of God. Why? Because they're closely together, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, one God in three person. You're seeing and beholding the radiance, the beauty. So when you see Jesus, you're seeing God. I think that's what the Nicene Creed was trying to capture when it would say, who is Jesus? He's very God from very God, very light from very light. He is the one true God and we're seeing and experiencing Him.

Not only is He the radiance of the glory of God, He's also the exact imprint of his nature. Now what does that mean, the exact imprint of His nature? Well, it's a word picture. So for the Greeks, the actual Greek word is where we get our word, character. So what about character...the exact imprint of

His nature? Well, the Hebrews would've gotten this word picture because a word picture here is from seals and coins. Let's say if you have Caesar seal, it would have his image on it. And you have a letter that's from Caesar, and they would take some wax and heat it up and then take this seal and they would press it down. What happened is whatever's on the seal would be exactly imprinted on the letter so that now you could look at it and you could see that's the seal of Caesar. That's the exact imprint. It can't be forged. If you're drawing a picture of it, you can't get it exact, it has to be an imprint to be exact. The same thing for a coin. They would have a die and they would take softer metal and they would press it into a die. And then what happened is on the coin would be the image of Caesar. We can see it's exactly Caesar. It's imprint. So what's the preacher trying to say? When you look at Jesus, you're not just seeing character, you're not just seeing the imprint, you're seeing the exact imprint of His nature. This is not a coin, this is a living, breathing, walking person. So what do you see when you behold Jesus? You are seeing God in the flesh. Everything God is, you can look at Jesus and that's Him. That's what God would do. That's how God would act. Why? Because He is God, the exact imprint of His nature. Again, you can't say that of anybody else. Why? Because Jesus is the unique Son of God. An angel can't bear the exact imprint of God's nature. It does not work. A lesser god cannot bear the exact imprint of God's nature. Only God can, only God the Son can. That's who Jesus is, the radiance of the glory of God, the exact imprint of His nature. When you see Jesus, you're looking and beholding God in the flesh, God who shows up and knocks on the door and says here I am. I've sent letters to you, now I'm here, behold me. That's who Jesus is. He is God in the flesh. The NLT would say, "The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God." That's who the Lord Jesus is. He's the very stamp of God's nature.

He's also the sustainer of the universe. The preacher's not done. The introduction's still happening. This is one beautiful sentence in the original language. Notice what he says, "...and He upholds the universe by the

word of His power." Again, if I said that about anybody in here, that would be just crazy, right? If I said you uphold the universe by the word of your power, we all know that I'm lying because you can't do that. This is a God thing. This is something only God could do. Only He can uphold the universe by the word of His powers. That means Jesus is not only the agent of creation, but He's also sustaining all of creation. He's sustaining your life. Now, I want to point out something that O'Brien pointed out to me. It says this, "The immediate context here suggests the additional nuance of the sons carrying all things to their appointed end goal." So he's not just holding it together, He's carrying it somewhere. Mohler would say He's not just Creator, he's also the teleios, He's the purpose. He's where it's all going. So Jesus not only is holding it up, He's pushing all of history forward to where it's supposed to go. In other words, the goal is also Jesus, the goal is the Kingdom of God, and He's carrying it forward towards His purposes. He's not just holding it up, He's moving it forward. And that's also true for your life...He's not just holding you up, He's moving you forward more and more into the image of Christ. That's what God is doing in your life. He's moving. He's working His purposes out in your life. So when you don't know what's happening, you don't know what's going on, you got persecution, you got hardship, that's these people, so what's the preacher saying? Hey, don't leave Jesus because Jesus is where everything is going, and if you leave Him, you're going to be left behind. So we see Jesus is holding it and He's moving all things forward towards His great purposes and great goals., He is the sustainer of all things.

Also this is so beautiful, He's also the Savior. Notice what he say, "After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." That is beautiful news folks, that Jesus, the one who is the full and final revelation of God, the one who is the Creator of the world, the sustainer of the world, the goal of the world, the one who's the Son of God, He's also the one who makes purification for sins. This is good news because need our sins purified. We need our sins cleansed. We have shirts that are stained that Tide can't take care of, can't wash it away. Only the

blood of Jesus purifies our sin, it's only Him, it's only His work on the cross, and this is one of the themes all the way through Hebrews. Hebrews is going to lavishly show us, based on the Old Testament sacrificial system, how Jesus is a better sacrifice. He's a better priest and how He truly cleanses our sins.

So I just want to pause for a moment and just ask you to think about that. Have your sins truly been cleansed by Jesus? Has Christ really purified your sins? Have you given Him your sin? That's through repentance and belief. You repent, you turn, you say...*Jesus, I'm a sinner. I've blown it. I need to give you my sin and I want you to put it on the cross. I want you to take my sin and by your resurrection forgive my sin because I want to be cleansed from it. I want to believe in you as my Lord and Savior, the one who forgives sin.* Have you done that exchange where you gave Jesus your sin and He gave you your righteousness? If you haven't, maybe it's because you're thinking...*my sins are just too great. You don't know what I've done. You don't know how I've lived. You don't know what I'm thinking right now. You don't know how sinful I am. If you guys knew you would all run from me.* If you're thinking you have too many sins for Jesus to cleanse you from, that's kind of like saying you're too sick to go to the doctor. That's kind of funny, right, because when you get really sick, where do you have to go? The doctor. Why does a doctor exist? For when you're really sick. That's the point. So if some of you are thinking you've got too many sins to go to the Savior, well, if you have a lot of sin it doesn't repel the Savior it actually draws Him to you. That's what He came to do, to save you from your sins. That's what Jesus say in Luke 5, 'I didn't come to call the righteous, I came to call sinners.' It's not well people who need a doctor it's the sick. So if you are a sinner who knows you're bad and who think Jesus can't handle your sin, I promise you He can. He's God and King. What He did on the cross, dying in your place for your sins is enough to purify you of your sins. That's the gospel. That's the good news. Jesus, the very Son of God came to save you from your sins so you could be reconnected to God. That is the good heart of the gospel.

Notice, He didn't just make purification for sins, after which He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, which is God. Now Hebrews is going to get it all into this, but it's just a little preview of where we're going. See, the difference in Jesus, He's a high priest who sat down after His work. No high priest could do that because the work is always continual. Some of you have grown up in a religion, maybe you're in it right now, where you think the forgiveness from Jesus has to be an ongoing thing. You have to keep doing something to keep getting forgiven. Hebrews is trying to say you don't have to keep doing anything to be forgiven, forgiveness was a one-time finished thing at the cross. When Jesus said it's finished, He sat down. Game over, nothing else to do. See, some of you think your sins are too big for Jesus and that's not true. Some of you also think that His work on the cross dealt with your past, but it doesn't deal with all the stuff you're dealing with right now. So every time you mess up, you think God doesn't love you. Every time you mess up, you think God is mad at you. Every time you mess up, you think God's abandoned you. And I want you to hear that that is not true. Jesus Christ forgave you and He sat down and it's done. Your relationship is now son or daughter, and nothing can change that if you're in Christ. Your sins can't separate you from the love of Christ. Now sin does break fellowship, absolutely. There's a fellowship and God is saying repent, and come back, but there's never a relationship break. You're never not a son or not a daughter. You're always a son or daughter even though we mess up because the work of the cross is a finished work, Jesus sat down and He sat down in a place of all authority at the right hand of God. So Jesus didn't just create you, He also came to save you.

Lastly, we're going to see Jesus is better. He just is. This is a preview for next week. Here's what it says in verse 4, "...having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs." Now we're going to deal with all that next week and why that matters so greatly but I want to point out four words. They are 'much superior,' 'more excellent.' That's beautiful. Jesus is much superior and

He's more excellent than what? Than everything! He's saying Hebrew people, don't abandon Christ because He is more excellent. He is much greater. He is the greatest. Jesus is greater than your old religion, He is greater than all the revelation past, He is the full and final revelation of God. He is the one that when you have Him, He's better than everything else.

So I just want to ask, do you have Jesus as your better than everything else person? Some of you think you have the best right now, and your best is a relationship. Your best is a job. Your best is your 401k. Your best is your retirement. Your best is your future plan. Your best is that lake house, that vacation spot. I just want to say those things are good, but they're not the best. Jesus is actually better. He's better than our lives, He's better than everything else, and when you get Him, then you have the best. Do you have Jesus as your best? When you're tempted to go back, when you're tempted to let go, when you're tempted to do something else, the preacher of Hebrews would say there is no better. There is no place to go outside of Jesus. He is the one where everything is going so hold fast to Christ.

You know, I'm still trying to work out whether I need to repent or not. I don't know. I probably didn't handle it the best way so I probably could repent of some things. But do you know what I don't need to repent of? Knowing who Jesus really is because it really matters who Jesus really is. It really matters that we know He's the full and final revelation of God. He is our Creator, sustainer, and Savior, and He is better than everything else. Do you have Jesus as that? Do you have Jesus as your better than everything else?