

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What makes Jesus unique from any other religious figure?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Hebrews 1:1-2
 - a. What are your initial thoughts about these verses?
 - b. According to Heb 1:2, what is the first thing we learn about Jesus?
 - c. What does it mean for Jesus to be "heir of all things?"
 - d. Compare this verse with Matthew 4:8-10. What is the devil offering to Jesus?
 - e. What does this say about the devil's tactics and how it works with people?
 - f. What is the second thing we learn about Jesus in Hebrews 1:2?
 - g. Does this truth mean anything to you at a practical level?
 - h. More specifically, why do we worry about stuff if Jesus is God of the universe?
 - i. Compare with John 1:3, and Colossians 1:16.
3. What do you think about this quote? "Is it possible that suddenly, without intending to, we have stumbled upon scientific proof of the existence of a Supreme Being? Was it God who stepped in and so providentially crafted the cosmos for our benefit?" - George Greenstein (Astronomer).
4. What is the next thing we learn about Jesus in Hebrews 1:3?
 - a. What does radiance mean to you?
 - b. In the Old Testament, people could not handle the presence of God. Read Deuteronomy 5:27.
 - c. What does the radiance of Jesus tell us about God's desire for us to know Him?
 - d. What does Hebrews 1:3 say about the nature of God?

- e. What do you think about this quote? "If you ever want to know what God looks like, you just have to look at His Son."
 - f. What else do we learn about Jesus in Hebrews 1:3?
 - g. Compare with Colossians 1:17.
 - h. What else do we learn about Jesus that involves our sins?
5. Please read Hebrews 1:4. What word jumps out to you? What does it mean to you?
6. What is the warning we get in Hebrews 2:1-3?

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God has appointed Jesus, "heir of all things."
- An heir is one who will inherit something from another. An heir is one who is related to the one through whom the inheritance will come.
- It was through Jesus that God "made the universe."
- Jesus is the "reflection" of God's glory.
- Jesus is the very image of the essence of God - the impress of His being.
- Jesus upholds all things "by His powerful word."
- He has "made purification for our sins."
- Jesus "sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."