

## Jesus Made Like His Brothers Hebrews 2:5–18

1. Read Hebrews 2:5–18 and Psalm 8. 1. Chapter 1 contains Old Testament citations to prove that Jesus is not just some angel, but God himself. In a radical shift, what does chapter 2 emphasize about Jesus? (Skim 2:5–18)

2. Read Psalm 8

A. Are verses 4–6 originally written about man or about Jesus?

B. What does this tell us about the dignity God bestowed on man?

3. In quoting Psalm 8:4–6, the Hebrews author seems to suddenly switch over in mid-quotation...

A. To whom?

B. What does this switch in reference suggest about the relationship between Jesus and man?

C. Find other language in this week's passage that emphasizes this intimate kinship—and the intertwining of the destinies of Jesus and man. (vss. 10–14, 17)

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:45–49 and Romans 5:12 ff; 6:11–14. 4. The Bible teaches that there were two "Adams" in history—two representational heads of the human race (1 Cor. 15:45–49; Rom. 5:12 ff) ...

A. What was our legacy from the first Adam, under whom we were all born? (Rom. 5:12,14)

B. What is the legacy for us who by faith have been transferred to representation under the second?

C. Does this “reigning in life” (Rom. 5:17) begin now or only when you leave this world? (Rom. 6:11–14)

5. Why was it necessary for your salvation that Jesus be both God (Heb. 1) and man (Heb. 2)?

6. Read Hebrews 2:8, 9. 6. According to Hebrews 2:8, how much did God put under the risen Christ’s authority? (See Dan. 7:13,14)

7. “At present we do not see everything subject to him” (vs. 8). What does this mean—and when will we see it? (1 Cor. 15:24, 25)

8. Read Hebrews 2:9–18. Verse 9 says that Jesus was “crowned...because he suffered.” Verse 10 adds that he was made “perfect through suffering.” Does that principle apply only to Jesus or does it have anything to do with your own progress in perfection? (Acts 14:22; Philippians 1:29; Romans 5:3,4)

9. Vs. 17 says that Jesus “ had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.” Compare this verse with 1 Jn. 2:2, and 1 Jn.4:10 and discuss.