

Jesus Greater Than Moses - Hebrews 3:1–6

1. Read Hebrews 3:1–6. What two appeals for faithful living surround this teaching about Jesus?
 - A. (vs. 1)
 - B. (vs. 6)
2. This section begins with the word “therefore”; what were we told about Jesus in Hebrews 1 and 2 that becomes the basis for the appeals in this section?
3. What does it mean to “fix your thoughts” on something? Give an example of how you do this in your everyday life (home, work, hobbies, etc.). How is meditating on Jesus similar and/or different from your example?
4. Read Hebrews 3:1. 5. What two words are used to describe Jesus in verse 1b?
5. Apostle can mean both “messenger” and “one who is sent.” In what sense is Jesus an apostle? How is he different from the other apostles (who are also called disciples)? (Compare John 1:1, 2 with Matthew 10:1–7)
6. In the Old Testament, the high priest represented the people before God. Why is Jesus called a high priest here? (Heb. 2:17; 5:1)
- 6b. Compare Heb. 2:12, 13 with Heb. 8:1,2. What do these passages tell us about Jesus’ ongoing high priestly office?

7. Read Hebrews 3:2–6. In what ways is Jesus like Moses? (vss. 2, 5) Share other similarities that occur to you based on previous studies. (For example, see Heb. 2:15 and Ex. 3:7–10)

8. In what ways is Jesus “worthy of greater honor” than Moses? (vss. 3, 6) What do you think the impact of this comparison would be on a Hebrew Christian?

9. Compare the state of being a beloved son with that of an honored servant in the same household. (See Luke 15:11–32 for an example from Hebrew culture)

10. Read Hebrews 3:3–6. Jesus is compared to the builder of a house, while Moses is likened to the house itself. What is this teaching us about Jesus?

11. Who else is compared to a house? (vs. 6) Why is this significant?

12. Can you substitute another word for “house” that preserves the meaning of the passage?

13. What did Moses do that earned him the description “faithful”? (vs. 5; see also Ex. 40:16; Heb. 11:24–28)

14. How is Christ faithful as a son? (John 3:16; 2 Peter 1:17)

15. What is a mark of a faithful Christian? (vs. 6) What form does this “holding on” (perseverance) take in your life?