

Series Title- Fix Your Eyes on Jesus (Journey through Hebrews)

Sermon Title- Jesus the Great High Priest

<u>Sermon</u>- #10

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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. 5 Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son;

today I have become your Father." ⁶ And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." ⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Study Questions:

- 1) Jesus being our High Priest means He is our *direct bridge to God*. How incredible that Jesus has provided us with direct access to God's presence?
- 2) Isn't it encouraging that Jesus has experienced our challenges & weaknesses, yet He Himself never gave into temptation?
 - a. Have you considered that a current struggle or challenge you had that Jesus has been there?
- 3) How does it make you feel (and want to pray) knowing God invites you to come to Him with confidence (boldness)?
- 4) How cool is that God the Father called Jesus, His Son, to be our High Priest (and Jesus answered the call)?
- 5) It says Jesus's prayers were heard "because of His reverent submission" (vs. 7). What does that mean and how can you apply that to your prayer life?