

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

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## *Hebrews*

The Preeminence of Jesus Christ

### **Lesson #3: Knowing Jesus**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

How do you keep your mind from wandering during a sermon?

#### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION**

##### **Read Hebrews 2:1-4**

*Note: Chapter 2 is the first in a series of warnings. This first warning is directed to those who might neglect the new covenant revelation (the gospel). This probably refers to people of Jewish background who had a deep reverence for the Mosaic covenant, thus the need for the comparison.<sup>1</sup> The word disobedience literally means “unwillingness to hear.” Saints who will not hear and heed the Word of God are disobedient and will not escape the chastening hand of God. After all, God confirmed His Word through “signs, miracles, and powers” (v. 4, and see Acts 2:22 and 43); this Word is not to be treated lightly! In fact, the word neglect is translated “made light of” in Matt. 22:5.<sup>2</sup>*

1. If God expected a positive response (obedience) to the law which was given by angels, what response does He expect concerning the gospel which came through His Son?
2. What 4 facts prove the legitimacy of the gospel message?
3. If these verses are directed at the people who are “playing church” (have not accepted Christ as their Lord), what is their consequence of drifting past the original message (salvation)?

*Note: BF Westcott said “drifting” is like being swept along past a secure anchorage which is within reach. Realizing how important the anchorage is should make us strain to reach it.*

4. If people know the character of Jesus Christ, why do some still reject Him?

##### **Read Hebrews 2:5-18**

*Note: Fallen angels can never be saved, but humans (fallen men and women) can!*

5. What is the significance that the authority in the age to come will be passed to Jesus instead of to angels?
6. Why (and how) was Jesus made a “little lower” than angels? How was He elevated?
7. Why did Jesus have to become a man (incarnation)? Gal 4:4-5, Jn 10:18; 1 Jn 4:10
8. What does Jesus have in common with humanity? Why would His death bring glory and honor?
9. Why was temptation a form of suffering for Jesus?
10. What role did Jesus’ suffering have in creating salvation for everyone (that accepts Him)?
11. Before Calvary, Jesus called people disciples, friends or sheep. Why does He call people “brothers” on the other side of the cross? Jn 20:17

#### **APPLICATION**

Who do you know that may be drifting past the message of salvation?

What difference does it make in your life to know that Jesus defeated death? Jn 14:19; 1 Cor 15:55

<sup>1</sup> Utley, R. J. (1999). *Vol. Volume 10: The Superiority of the New Covenant: Hebrews*. Study Guide Commentary Series (22). Marshall, Texas: Bible Lessons International.

<sup>2</sup> Wiersbe, W. W. (1992). *Wiersbe’s expository outlines on the New Testament (678–679)*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.