

JESUS IS **BETTER**

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Week 4 – Jesus, The Better Human

Introduction / Review:

Hebrews 1:13 – “Sit at my right hand *UNTIL* I make your enemies a footstool...”

Isaiah 9 or Isaiah 53? Which Messiah is it? The answer is _____!

Jesus, The Better Human (Hebrews 2:5-18)

Hebrews 2:5-8a

Genesis 1:27-28

Hebrews 2:8b-9

1. Jesus is the better _____

Hebrews 2:10

2. Jesus is the better _____

Hebrews 2:11

Romans 5:18-19

Hebrews 2:12-13

3. Jesus is our better _____

Hebrews 2:14-18

2 Peter 3:8-9

The Big Idea:

We do not enjoy suffering, but the fact that we suffer does not mean that Jesus isn't Almighty. The fact that Jesus has not yet returned is a display of God's *patience*, not His impotence! Thankfully, He's waited long enough to include us in His eternal Kingdom!

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. Suffering, including persecution, is still very much a part of the human experience. Sharing with complete honesty, talk about your own doubts, struggles and questions concerning God's power in relation to the suffering in your life or in the world... Don't feel embarrassed. God's shoulders are big enough to handle your doubts and questions, and this group is a safe place to discuss them...

Ponderings:

2. Unlike any "god" of mere human invention, the Bible presents a God who has literally entered into the raw pain of human suffering. How does this reality impact the way you view suffering in your own life? Discuss...
3. In the message, it was noted that we presently live in the Land of "Until." Jesus is reigning in Heaven and in our hearts, but He will not fully manifest His earthly reign until His Second Coming. Discuss why you believe God chose to allow the history of planet earth to unfold in this way...
4. The letters of Peter, like Hebrews, were also written to early Jewish Christians who were suffering horrific persecution. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11 as a group and discuss the following...
 - The command to "cast all your anxiety upon Him" can feel like a tall order at times. What experience have you had in hammering this out in real life? Explain...
 - To "be alert and of sober mind" regarding the devil's schemes is both a warning and encouragement. In what way(s) have you seen the enemy's direct attack on your life? Your mind? Your relationships?
 - How has the "God of all grace" (vs. 10) worked in your life to make you more strong, firm and steadfast – especially through suffering?

Promptings:

5. Living in the "already but not yet" can sometimes feel like a tension that we wish would hurry up and be resolved. Yet, as we continue in Hebrews we will discover that there is complete and total REST to be found and experienced in Christ. Close by praying for one another – that in our journey ahead, we will experience the fullness of His REST each day as our confidence grows in Him!