

# Hebrews

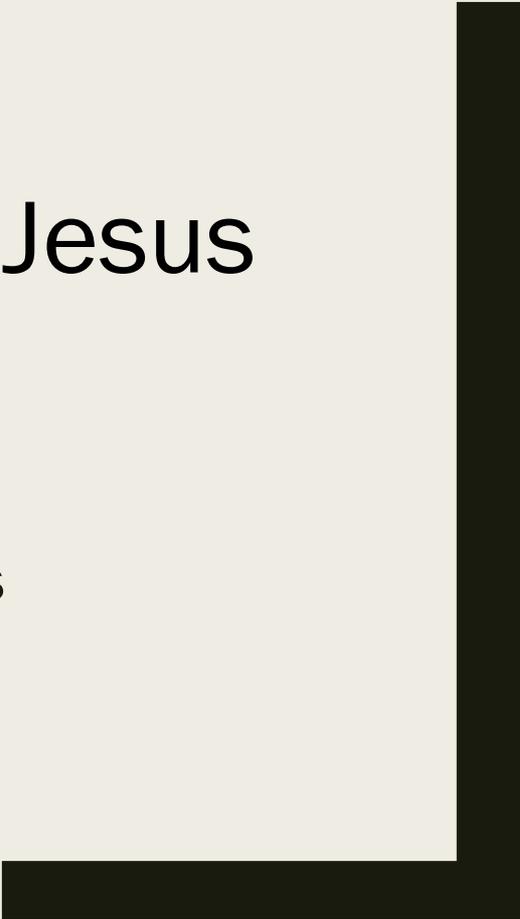
## The Supremacy of Jesus

Introduction to  
Hebrews

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# Consider the Following:

- Context in which Hebrews was written
- Date
- Authorship
- Audience
- Purpose

# Purpose

Encouragement to remain faithful to Jesus (Christ) as followers in the face of rejection by the keepers of the traditions of Judaism, including family and friends who had not converted.

And, encouragement to remain faithful to Jesus in the face of severe Roman persecution which included seizure of personal property and death.

*And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words.*

*Hebrews 13:22*

# Outline of the book of Hebrews

## I. The Superiority of Jesus over Judaism.

*Hebrews 1:1-10:18*

## II. The Sanctity of the Church (the followers of Jesus as a body).

*Hebrews 10:19-13:25*

## Chapter 1:1-4

*1 God, who at various times and in various ways, spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,  
2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;  
3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
4 having become so much better than the angels as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

# Jesus' Superiority Over the Prophets

1. His pre-eminence in History (*in these last days has spoken to us in His Son.*)
2. His Person (*who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person.*)
3. His Position (*has sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.*)

# Practical Application

Listen to Jesus:

*“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him!”*

Matthew 17:5b